Onetime Jewish jazz player becomes powerful figure in Nixon's establishment

Leonard Garment has just been chosen as acting counsel by President Nixon. He fills the gap left by John Dean, the president's chief legal adviser, who was asked to resign after being implicated in the Watergate affair. Who is this Brooklyn-born Jew thrust into the centre of power?

WASHINGTON (JCNS)–

The man who played the clarinet in Woody Herman's jazz band is now on first fiddle at the White House.

He is Leonard Garment, the new acting counsel to President Nixon, son of a "nice Jewish couple," according to one who went to grammar school and Hebrew school with him in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn where he was born, and married to a "nice Jewish girl" and has two "nice Jewish children."

"Len knows he's Jewish," I was told, but no one seemed to know how deeply he is involved in Jewish matters, if at all. Jewish leaders who have had to have dealings with the White House report that he has always been sympathetic to their causes, and helpful at all times, although he is not the "White House Jew" since Nixon, unlike his predecessors, has none.

I also spoke with the man who spotted the then young Garment in law school during a "moot trial" and was so impressed with him that he brought him into the prestigious law firm of Mudge, Rose, Guthries and Alexander, to which the name of Nixon was to be added later. That's how it all began. He found himself handling the trial aspects of the cases Nixon brought in and the two men got to know each other well.

"A brilliant, brilliant man," is the way his discoverer, who prefers to remain unnamed, described Garment. "He was on his way to becoming one of America's leading trial lawyers when he went to Washington instead."

He paused. "But then, he would have been, in my opinion, a great jazz clarinetist if he had not gone into law. He would be pre-eminent in anything."

Does he still play the clarinet?, I asked. "He used to play at our firm's dances when he was with us and you ought to see him marching around the living room, piping away, with his two kids following him like a Pied Piper." The clarinet and the start with Woody Herman was during university years to help pay for his education.

Although Nixon and Garment respected and even liked each other, this did not reach into the political level. Garment a liberal and a Democrat, voted against him in the presidential election he lost and the one he won, although he helped out in the Nixon campaign.

It was John N. Mitchell, the then attorney general, who suggested to Nixon that Garment be brought to Washington, just as it was Garment who suggested that Mitchell manage Nixon's presidential campaign. For Garment, it was not an easy decision. He had joined the law firm in 1949 and been made a general partner in 1957, and legal plums such as these do not grow in all climates.

As fate would have it, Garment had to spend considerable time in Washington for his firm, and would call on the president. During one of these trips, Nixon asked him to become a special assistant and he accepted.

Thus, he and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, now the ambassador to India, became the White House's two visible liberals, and both retained their liberal friends outside those sacred precincts, and remained loyal to them.

As a liberal in a conservative environment, Garment was not in the swirl of White House power but was used by the president for such tasks as visiting Indian reservations to find out what was bothering their inhabitants, or going to military bases in Europe when there were racial outbursts. His influence in the White House seemed about nil.

Then came Watergate and the firing of the White House inner guard, including John W. Dean, as the president's counsel. Nixon needed a man with precisely Garment's qualities: brilliance, honesty, loyalty to his principles as well as to his country.

Garment tried to talk the president out of it but eventually he accepted the job when Nixon appealed to his loyalty.

Can Garment do it? "He is pre-eminent in anything," his friend at his former law firm repeated.

Is Garment as easy-going as he looks? I asked. "Not at all," was the reply. "He is very intense about what he's doing and a strict taskmaker over those who work for him."

But with that, he has "an absolute joy of life," which he shares with his wife and two children on a 17-acre estate which he rents 11 miles away from the White House. There, he and another Jew, Dr. Henry Kissinger, are in the very centre of American power.

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Walking a week early

Zvi's bar mitzvah won't stop him and his friends marching for UJA

TORONTO–

On May 27 Mr. and Mrs. Al Gorlick of Downsview will give a party to celebrate their son's bar mitzvah. But that won't keep 13-year-old Zvi or his friend David Berman, who is also having his bar mitzvah on the same day, from walking for the United Jewish Appeal - Israel Special Fund.

When Zvi learned that the UJA – ISF walkathon was scheduled for May 27, he arranged for several of his classmates at Wilson Heights Junior High School to walk with him on May 20. All of his grade seven friends are veterans of the UJA walk. Most have completed the full 22 miles for the past two years. UJA has made arrangements for volunteers to man the designated checkpoints to stamp the "passports" for Zvi and his friends.

Marci Trachter, a very determined 13 - year - old, will attempt to walk with the aid of crutches. She is recovering from a broken leg incurred in a skiing mishap.

The response for sponsor sheets this year is the greatest ever, according to UJA officials. To date there has been a printing of 20,000 and these are being picked up as fast as they are delivered to schools and synagogues.

The Canadian Jewish News will again present an award to the first walker to reach Jerusalem (the North YM-YWHA) and the United Jewish Appeal will provide a special bonus of a 25th anniversary commemorative medal.

In keeping with the spirit of celebration for Israel's 25th anniversary, there is more involvement from Jewish organizations than in previous walkathons. Norman Biback, chairman of the walkathon committee, says that the Canadian Zionist Federation and Labour Zionist Alliance have agreed to provide assistance and are submitting a list of volunteers who will help throughout the day. Biback has extended an invitation to members of Jewish communities from all over Ontario to join the walk.

The Forestdale Heights Lodge of B'nai B'rith has picked up 75 sponsor sheets and according to President Irving Knopman, will participate en masse, with at least 30 families joining in the walk from infants in strollers right through the generations.

As a special feature for the 1973 walkathon, Biback is organizing a group of leading Jewish politicians and show-business personalities to lead off and spur the youngsters and oldsters on to the finish line.

Walkathon officials are keeping their fingers crossed that the weather will be as satisfactory as it was last year.

Zvi Gorlick (third from left) is shown with some of his classmates who will walk with him on May 20, one week prior to the UJA-ISF walkathon. His friends will be attending Zvi's bar mitzvah on the 27th. Shown autographing crutch of Marci Trachter, who is recovering from a leg injury, are: David Sadja, Patti Rich, Zvi, Marci, Avra Ludzki and Debi Gladstone. Marci intends to join her friends in the walkathon which will be attended by all ages.

Top ranking businessmen to attend Israel conference as Canada's representatives

TORONTO–

Canadian business and industry will be represented at the Prime Minister's Third Economic Conference in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv later this month by a hand-picked delegation of top executives, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

Chairman of the 60-man group is Ray D. Wolfe, president, The Oshawa Group Ltd., and president of The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce. He is one of a handful of leaders who attended the inaugural conference of 1968 and the 1969 meeting.

The 1968 gathering in Jerusalem, in the words of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, "was the impetus for a new dimension in the relationship between the international business community and Israel." Canada was represented by 20 business and industry leaders. The next year the number rose to 27.

The 60 who are leaving next week are influential figures in such fields as food and agriculture, plastics, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, electronics, arts and crafts, furniture, tourism, basic chemicals, housing and construction, computers, finance and investments and textiles and fashion.

Total trade between Canada and Israel jumped from $21 million in 1968 to $46 million in 1972. In the same period, Israel's exports to Canada went from $12 million to $18.7 million and Canada's exports to Israel rose from $9.1 million to $27.3 million.

"The significant thing," remarked Wolfe, "is that the increase in trade began almost immediately after the initital conference. It proved a big stimulus and I am hopeful that the third conference will prove equally beneficial. The makeup of our delegation puts it on a par with that of any other country in the world, not excluding the United States."

The high quality of the Canadian delegation also impressed Finance Minister Sapir and his colleagues who received a list of the names from Canada. One is R.M. Wood, vice-president, marketing, of Babcock and Wilcox Canada Ltd., Galt. His company is an exporter of power equipment and in 1970 received a $30 million order from Israel for boilers and equipment. Wolfe was largely instrumental in obtaining this order, the first given in this field to a Canadian company.

Another delegate is Murray Maynard, president Dominion Aluminum Fabricating Ltd., Toronto, a prominent Conservative who is regarded as certain to be included in the cabinet in the event his party came to power at Ottawa.

Murray Koffler, president of Koffler Stores Ltd. and president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, will serve as chairman of the tourism committee at the conference. The new president of Israel, Dr. Ephraim Katzir, who will be sworn into office on May 23, will attend his first official function as president when he gives a reception and dinner to the delegates coming from all parts of the world. He will also attend the ground breaking ceremony for the Koffler accelerator tower of the Canadian Centre for Nuclear Physics. The tower is the gift of the Toronto industrialist.

One of the world's leading computer scientists is a member of the Canadian delegation. He is Professor

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First Bnei Akiva yeshiva scheduled to open in fall

By DOROTHY LIPOVENKO
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO–

The application of Torah to help build Israel will be the guiding light of Or Chaim, the first Bnei Akiva yeshiva high school in North America, which will open its doors this September.

The Bnei Akiva Youth Movement and the Bnei Akiva Yeshivot are named after the great Jewish leader and sage, Rabbi Akiva. The orientation is to instill a religious perspective and commitment to Torah and Israel, which will be reflected in the lifestyles of its members and students.

According to Rosh Yeshiva Ra'av Yehuda Felix, the goal of Or Chaim is to foster "a love towards Israel and a belief that Jews are in a period of redemption that is part of the Torah. Every aspect of Torah will be covered as Rabbi Akiva taught it --Halacha and Aggadah."

A renovated old building on Vaughan Road is the home of the new yeshiva. Grades 10 and 11 are the starting points for the first year, with eventual expansion to grade 13. Ra'av Felix hopes that, during the course of his studies, a student will go to Israel and learn in one of the Bnei Akiva yeshivot for a year. General studies would also be available, so the student would not lose a school year.

At present, 20 applications have been received for the coming academic year. Although no dormitory facilities will be available this year, out-of-town students will be welcomed, with the yeshiva providing daily meals for all students. The yeshiva will limit enrolment to 100 pupils. Israeli teachers who have taught in Yeshivot Bnei Akiva will comprise the staff along with rabbis and teachers recruited from North America.

Or Chaim will have a night program for students who want additional Jewish education. A night college has been established for the institute's graduates and for those who have learned in higher yeshivot but are presently studying at York or University of Toronto.

Ra'av Felix explained to **The Canadian Jewish News** in an interview, students will need a background which will enable them to adapt to the type of yeshiva environment Or Chaim will create.

"This year, the yeshiva will accept only those who can 'fit' in, but later on, anyone who wants to be a student can apply. Hopefully, the yeshiva will accept him, because it is our belief the whole Jewish nation should work together. We are all part of one unit."

Tieless, yarmulka askew, the 33-year-old Rosh Yeshiva will be returning to Israel shortly to bring his family to Toronto. Ra'av Fe-

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Ra'av Yehuda Felix

Breach with Coptic church healed; Pope Paul may visit Egypt shortly

ROME (JCNS)–

Pope Paul VI may visit Egypt soon. During a visit to the Vatican last week by the Coptic Patriarch Amba Shnouda, which healed a breach between the two branches of Christianity going back to the year 451 CE, the Egyptian dignitary extended an invitation to the Pope to visit Egypt.

In 451 CE the Coptic Church severed connections with Rome in a doctrinal dispute over the divinity of Jesus.

The Egyptian Patriarch is the religious leader of the six million Coptic community and is known as an indefatigable defender of their rights. According to informed sources here, this first encounter between Rome and Alexandria in 15 centuries concentrated on the condition of the Coptic Church in Egypt, as well as the life and survival of Christian communities in Moslem countries.

The Middle East conflict and the status of the holy places in Jerusalem are also believed to have been on the agenda. A probable starting point was the recent declaration by French bishops that "Catholics must strive to understand that the return to the promised land represents a centuries-old aspiration of the Jewish spirit."

On the surface the Vatican does not appear to have participated in the drafting of the declaration, but its publication is known to have had a startling effect. One Arab ambassador of a so-called "moderate" state, declared here privately that the Vatican is getting ready to recognize the state of Israel. Many Arab states have asked their envoys here to seek the Vatican's clarification of the French bishops' document.

The official Vatican spokesman, Professor Federico Alessandrini, in a statement here reassured the Arab states that the French bishops' pronouncement did not affect Vatican policy. He also categorically denied accusations by the director of the international affairs department at the French defence ministry.

Eban spends hectic day in Ottawa and Montreal

By MARK MEDICOFF
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MONTREAL–

It was a busy 24 hours on Canadian soil for Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban. He arrived on this side of the Atlantic Monday morning, had a conference with External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp in Ottawa, flew to Montreal for an afternoon press conference at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and wound up a fast-moving 24 hours by attending an Israel Bonds dinner at the Shaar HaShomayim Congregation. Then he flew home.

Surprisingly enough, security was at a minimum for the Eban visit, in contrast to the elaborate precautions taken on other occasions when prominent Israelis visit Canada. Several plain-clothes officers were present during his tight schedule, but they maintained a low profile.

At the largely - attended news conference where he spoke flawless French as well as English, admittance was by showing a press card. There was no interrogation of the newspapermen as they arrived.

Eban said he met with his opposite number in Ottawa for a general discussion of Canada's role in the continuing Middle East impasse. The discussion between the two cabinet ministers was held to maintain "reciprocal comprehension" of the Middle East situation. Eban told his questioners that Israel's massive 25th anniversary celebration was extremely impressive.

Dealing with Israel's position regarding a settlement with the Arab nations, Eban said no international government has pressed for Israel's withdrawal from occupied territory prior to a peace settlement.

"The same principle of international negotiations which took place in Germany or Vietnam can apply to the Middle East," he said. "This will come about by direct contact, not by public debate."

Asked by **The Canadian Jewish News** if the United States would change its Middle East policy if the oil producing Arab states curtailed oil sales to the U.S., Eban evaded a direct answer, declaring that the Arab governments have few choices but to sell to the U.S. He said there was no indication of a shift in Amer-

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Observer article annoys B'nai B'rith after pact

By BRIAN STONEMAN
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TORONTO–

Within a week of the signing of a peace agreement by Canadian B'nai B'rith and the United Church of Canada, trouble has again developed over an article written by Rev. A. C. Forrest in the church's newspaper.

The dispute centres on an article entitled **Look of the Month** in **The United Church Observer**'s May issue. This article is felt to be questionable by Sydney Maislin, Canadian B'nai B'rith president, in view of the recent agreement calling on BB and the church to "seek to ameliorate our relationship and pursue the future unfettered by intolerance, prejudice or rancor" and stating that "Co-operation and friendship can be achieved and criticism can be constructive when offered in a spirit of mutual respect and integrity."

Upon phoning **The Observer, The Canadian Jewish News** was told by Associate Editor Patricia Clarke the article was written by Observer Editor Forrest.

"The second I receive it (the article), I will get in touch with the United Church over it," said Maislin in a telephone interview with The CJN.

Unsigned and off the editorial page, the article, gives its author's impressions after a recent 19-day tour of Mideast countries. It said in part: "They (the poor and hungry) are unimpressed by gifts of powdered milk and blankets while Western governments send Phantom jets to their enemies and pass resolutions at the United Nations on which they do not act.

"When you travel you learn something about the deprivation and injustice that have brought terrorism into being, that terrorism has become the weapon of the little man in this warring world, and that those who have seen their parents grow old and die in refugee camps and their brothers and sisters bombed by the planes of their oppressors, are not patient when we of the West lecture them on pacifism and the UN.

"You begin to hear what the hungry world has been trying to say -- that the oppressed will not listen to our pleas for peace when injustice reigns. And you wonder whether God doesn't listen either. Having fought our own wars in the past for justice and freedom, we seem

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Alleged war criminals under investigation

NEW YORK (JCNS)–

U.S. legal authorities have begun investigations into alleged war crimes carried out by persons now living in the country. This information was revealed following the issuance of an extradition order for Mrs. Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan, 53, a former guard at the Maidanek concentration camp near Lublin, Poland.

A Federal judge had rejected an application for a writ of habeus corpus by Mrs. Ryan, who has admitted she was a member of the SS during the Second World War. Judge Jacob Mishler ruled that Mrs. Ryan could be extradited because there was probable cause she had lost her citizenship in 1971 for lying about her convictions in an Austrian court for war crimes. West Germany seeks her extradition to face murder charges stemming from her activities at Maidanek.

The U.S. Court of Appeals has ordered a stay in extradition proceedings against Mrs. Ryan to West Germany. The court refused to consider her application for bail and she remains in custody. The Court of Appeals has set hearings on Judge Mishler's decision for the week of June 4. Mrs. Ryan has become the first U.S. resident whose extradition for alleged war crimes has been sought.

U.S. Attorney General Robert A. Morse disclosed after Judge Mishler's judgment that reports that, at least 50 people might be "in a situation similar to that of Mrs. Ryan," were being examined. He declined to elaborate.

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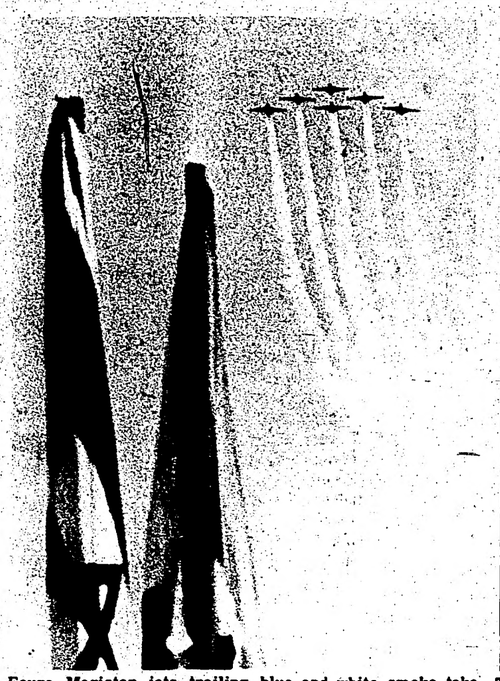
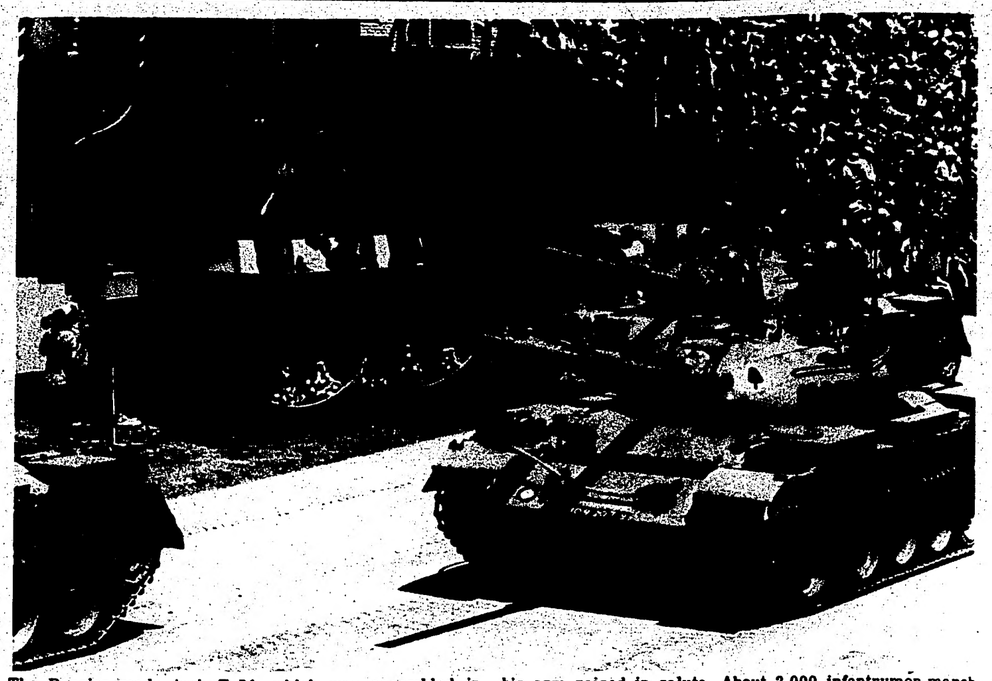
Israel's highest governmental and military officials stand at attention during a salute to the flag during Independence Day parade. From left are Chief of Staff Elazar, Premier Meir, President Shazar, Defence Minister Dayan, Central Region Commander Zeevi Rehavem. Heavy security was in force throughout the day.



Fouga Magister jets trailing blue and white smoke take part in flypast during Israeli 25th birthday celebrations in Jerusalem last week. The jets on display were French-Israeli built. Over 300,000 viewed the parade. (Israel Sun)



The Russian-made tank T-54, which was assembled in Israel where improvements were made, passes by the reviewing stand where the country's leaders sit. David Elazar, chief of staff, can be seen at left in the stand with his arm raised in salute. About 2,000 infantrymen march in the parade along with paratroopers and combat engineers. Prepared for three months, the parade, first military display since 1968, cost Israel $5 million. (IPPA Photo)

Jews, non-Jews around the world mark Israel's 25th birthday

JERUSALEM (JTA)–
More than 300,000 people lined a 4 1/2 mile parade route in 90 degree weather to watch a display of Israel's military might in the longest, largest and most spectacular Independence Day parade in the nation's 25-year history.

The parade began at 10 a.m. but the 55,000 grandstand ticket holders were in their seats hours before, and tens of thousands of others, many of them up before dawn, sought vantage points along the route that began in East Jerusalem and ended in a West Jerusalem suburb. Hundreds of thousands of other Israelis and tourists watched the parade on television. Thousands more chose to ignore it and celebrated Independence Day picnicking in the mountains and beaches.

Security was strict. Grandstand ticket - holders were searched by police before taking their seats, and once seated were told not to leave. The only mishap of the day occurred when a security helicopter made a forced landing near the Augusta Victoria Hospital on Mt. Scopus, injuring nine crew members, none seriously. In another untoward incident a tank went slightly off course and hit a soldier along the parade route in downtown Jerusalem. An army spokesman said his injuries were minor. No one else was hurt.

President Zalman Sahzar, Premier Golda Meir, and former Premier David Ben-Gurion watched the parade from the official reviewing stand facing police headquarters in the Sheikh Jarrah quarter of East Jerusalem. Mrs. Meir wore a white handkerchief around her head to shield her eyes from the blazing sun. They sat in the stand for 90 minutes while the three main elements of the parade passed in review--the air force, the armored corps and the infantry.

Observers noted the preponderance of American - made weaponry both in the air and on the ground. The display of Israel's air power was led by supersonic Phantom jets which roared overhead in low level squadrons of three at 500 mph. American Skyhawk attack planes and huge Stratocruiser transports were part of the air show along with French Mirages, American and French combat helicopters and an Israeli-made jet trainer adapted from the French Fouga Magister design.

Israelis took special pride in the giant Patton (American) and Centurion (British) tanks that rumbled by, many of them rebuilt and re-engined by Israeli technicians to improve their speed and fire power. Also totally rebuilt and virtually new were the Soviet - made T-55 and T-54 tanks captured in the Six Day War and 240 mm. Russian - made Katyusha rocket launchers.

Israel's armament industry was represented by self-propelled heavy mortars mounted on Sherman tank chassis and self-propelled 155 mm. cannon of Israeli design. Three types of American artillery passed in review along with units of 70 and 22 mm. anti-aircraft guns and American - made Hawk surface - to - air missiles.

About 2,000 infantrymen marched in the parade along with paratroopers and combat engineers. The parade, the first Independence Day military display since 1968, cost Israel $5 million and was three months in preparation. Plans for the parade aroused the ire of Jordan and other Arab states which protested to the United Nations.

Many Israelis expressed the feeling that it was extravagant and unduly provocative. Critics were reminded that Israel's military establishment could not be left out of the celebrations of the nation's 25th anniversary. The need to remind the Arabs of Israel's military might was also cited.

Meanwhile Jews and non-Jewish friends of Israel in Europe saluted the Jewish state on its 25th anniversary and participated in festive celebration.

Officials of the Belgian government and former officials attended an Israel anniversary gala at the Palace of Fine Arts in Brussels, sponsored by the Belgian Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary. They were addressed by Israeli Ambassador Moshe Alon. In Anvers, the Jewish community held special religious services and a party to mark the event and welcomed as guests two Israeli Knesset members. The tiny Jewish community in the Belgian town of Gand held a "falafel party," and in Liege the local Jews gave an anniversary dance.

Some 3,000 persons from all over Holland attended an Israel anniversary meeting in Amsterdam where the speakers included Israeli Ambassador Hanan Baron and Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dultzin. Security precautions were strict. About 150 police guarded the meeting hall against possible counter - demonstrations by pro - Arab groups but none materialized.

In Bonn, Arab ambassadors called a press conference to criticize Israel's Independence Day military parade in Jerusalem. They claimed that Israel spoke to the Arabs and the entire world in the "language of violence."

Newspapers in most Western European capitals carried feature articles, editorials, and in many cases entire supplements devoted to Israel's 25th anniversary. In spite of strained Franco-Israeli relations, the entire French press and the government - controlled radio and television stressed Israel's military strength and economic progress achieved over the past 25 years. The right wing newspaper **L'Aurore** praised "Israel's inborn desire for peace and a settlement - with its neighbors" and even the Gaulist daily **La Nation** wrote that "no one can doubt Israel's good faith" in wanting peace. French government officials attended a reception given by the Israeli embassy in Paris.

West German newspapers expressed wonder and admiration for Israel's dynamic development and reminded their readers of the "anguished memories of Nazi atrocities."

The three branches of British Jewry -- the Orthodox United Synagogue, the New Synagogue which is comparable to Conservative Judaism in Canada, and the Sephardic community -- all held 25th anniversary celebrations.

Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits of the United Synagogue noted that while "Pesach celebrates the beginning of our exodus, not its conclusion, Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrates the conclusion of our exodus and the beginning of statehood."

In an Independence Day message to British Zionists, Louis Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, said that on this day "We are filled with thanksgiving, but we are still in awe of the tasks that lie ahead. Jews face the danger of loss of Jewish identity. Only through identification with Israel can Diaspora Jews withstand this danger."

Michael Fidler, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews saluted Israel in an Independence Day statement. He said British Jews "acknowledge the centrality of Israel in our hopes, aspirations and activities. Unbreakable ties bind us to our fellow Jews in Israel. New strength flows from them to us in the Diaspora and from us to them."

University annuls degree of accused Nazi leader

DUESSELDORF (JCNS)–
Dr. Ludwig Hahn, 65, the wartime commander of the Nazi security forces in Warsaw, who is on trial in Hamburg on charges of complicity in the murder of Jews and Poles in the Polish capital, has been deprived of his doctor's degree by Schiller University in the East German town of Jena.

This is the first time that a German university has annulled an academic degree conferred on a person accused of war crimes.

Hahn obtained his doctor's degree before entering Nazi service. He is accused at his trial, which opened in May last year, of having ordered or "tolerated" the murder of an unknown number of Jews and others in Warsaw between 1941 and 1944.

Two other former Nazis retaining their doctor's titles are Werner Best, 70, a former SS group leader, and Albert Ganzenmueller, 68, a former state secretary in the Nazi transport ministry.

The trial in Duesseldorf of Ganzenmueller on charges of organizing the deportation of many thousands of European Jews to concentration camps where they were killed, was adjourned last week after he suffered a severe heart attack. Doctors told the court which had been sitting since April 10, that Ganzenmueller could not attend again for six months. About 120 witnesses had been called to give evidence.

Best, who has been charged with responsibility for the murder of 8,723 Poles, mostly Jews, during 1939 and 1940, was freed from pre-trial custody in August last year on medical grounds. He was said to be to ill to face long proceedings and it is doubtful if he will now stand trial.

Organizations assailed for lack of enterprise

HOLLYWOOD, FLA. (JTA)–
Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, said last week "the great enterprise of Jewish life in the 1970s must be to transform our organizations so they are consciously designed to increase Jewish knowledge and commitment."

In an address to the 44th annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, attended by 1,000 delegates, he warned that Jewish communal institutions were "failing to meet their primary responsibility of providing American Jews with a basic Jewish education and a sense of rootedness in the Jewish group."

The American Jewish community is "increasingly becoming a kind of accidental association of Jews who come together to deal with general problems," Rabbi Hertzberg noted. "But if Jews are to survive as a people the content of Jewish life must be filled with something more than building hospitals, founding universities and performing social services to the community."

In another session, Rabbi Joel S. Geffen, director of the department of field activities and community education of the Jewish Theological Seminary, was less pessimistic about Jewish life. He noted that in "our anxiety and concern over intermarriage, missionary activities directed against Jews, and other anti-religious manifestations among our youth, we sometimes fail to recognize the steady growth our religious institutions are making."

Rabbi Geffen pointed out that the number of Solomon Schechter Day Schools in the Conservative movement has grown from 19 schools with an enrolment of 3,500 students in 1965-66 to 44 schools with 7,000 students in 1972-73. He also said there are now 350 academic positions in Jewish studies at secular universities in the U.S. and Canada while there were only two such positions in the country in the 1930s.

Rabbi Geffen concluded, however, that despite these developments "there is still much to be done to improve and strengthen Jewish education in the United States.

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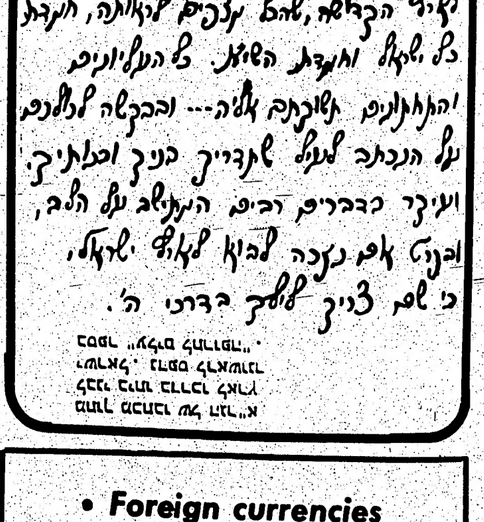

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Israel, Canada trade praised by commissioner

From Our Quebec Bureau
MONTREAL–

One thing Israelis might well celebrate in this 25th anniversary year is the tremendous expansion of trade relations with Canada, says this country's recently appointed trade commissioner to Tel Aviv.

Robert McGavin told a meeting of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce here that, during the early years of the state, the total inter-country trade stood at $5.4 million.

"Today this figure has increased by more than 800 per cent to $400 million and we hope this growth will continue to accelerate," he said.

McGavin pointed out that in 1948 exports stood at 125 to 1 in Canada's favor, but that this year the ratio has been reduced to 1.5 to 1.

"Israel has good reason to celebrate her independence," he quipped.

The trade commissioner reminded the audience of the January 1972 Economic Development Corporation's loan to Israel, where the Jewish state can purchase up to $100 million in Canadian goods and services.

McGavin said trends in Israel indicate continued interest in the power and communications industry, as well as metals and petrochemicals. He cited Tel Aviv's massive underground transportation development as an excellent source for economic expansion.

McGavin's expertise on the subject prompted Chamber of Commerce President Ray D. Wolfe to remark, with a smile, "Here's a young man who knows more about what is going on in Israel than most Israelis, and certainly most Canadians."

Also discussed was May's Tel Aviv International Trade Fair, where Canada has purchased an unprecedented 700 square metres of real estate.

Open to professionals only, the fair affords Canadian industry the opportunity to place manufactured items on display.

Wolfe also reported that professional committees have been established in Toronto--and soon in Montreal -- to promote commercial relations with their Israeli counterparts "under broad terms of reference."

Canadian Trade Commissioner Robert McGavin

Students form organization to protest 'inadequate gym facilities' at Academy

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter
TORONTO–

Student concern over inadequate facilities at Community Hebrew Academy has led to the formation of Students For Athletics at the school.

"The dressing room at the school is not very sanitary and last year it even had mice," Aubrey Zimmerman, an organizer of the committee and former student at the school said. In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, Zimmerman also claimed the gym was "dangerously small for contact sports."

Zimmerman said he left the school two years ago "due to the lack of facilities and was asked not to return this year because of my poor academic showing after returning last year."

Another organizer of the group, Grade 10 student Bernie David, added that "so many people have left the school because of poor facilities."

According to Students for Athletics, athletic facilities at other Jewish day schools are, in general, also lacking.

"I have always felt you gained discipline and pride of being Jewish through sports," said Zimmerman. "but there is a Jewish thing that academics is more important. I feel the two go hand in hand. In fact, we believe Jews have a heritage of athletics."

One person who would agree with the importance of athletics is Dr. Solomon Burack, principal of CHA. Said Dr. Burack: "We believe in a good sport's program. Athletics is an important part in the growth of any individual."

Nevertheless, though, Dr. Burack declined to comment on the claim the gym is dangerous and said: "We stress in the school has been academic and I would agree with this emphasis."

This view is extended one step further by Board of Jewish Education Executive Director Rabbi Irwin Witty who felt the students' claims were overstated.

"While we are concerned with athletics as an important part of education in Jewish schools, we can't provide the same amount of time for this activity, he said. "We have an obligation of providing a full range of Jewish and general academic studies in what is already an overcrowded school day.

"We honestly believe that our parents and students are finding supplementary outlets to provide for the athletic needs of the largest percentage of the students. Athletics is not the reason the Jewish schools are in business."

David, however, says that Dr. Burack and Rabbi Witty are missing the point. "We need an outlet in school, during school time, to let out aggression and relax, because of this overcrowded school day." He also stressed "you lacked the pride of belonging to a school team" if your athletic outlet is just the 'Y.'

Recognizing the need for parental support if they are to achieve their goals, the two, along with the "still organizing" committee, are planning a meeting for parents and students which will have community leaders speaking on the importance of athletics. "If parents make demands, schools have to listen," said David.

David and Zimmerman, however, fear their criticism of the athletic facilities might be deemed "sour grapes" (they claimed, in fact, to have been called "obstructionists") and are anxious "to sound positive because we have been told that is the only way to get anything done."

To some extent, the committee has the support of Michael Jennings, head of physical and health education at CHA. While refuting the charges of the gym being dangerous or the dressing rooms being unsanitary, he told **The CJN** that "athletics are running at a maximum under present conditions, but conditions could be improved."

Jennings agreed athletics played second fiddle to academics, which he said, "was not good policy." He also decried the situation which required him to speak to an "inefficient" parents athletic committee, the liaison between himself and the board. "It's like going to a third party all the time."

However, he feels "there are some drastic changes in athletic facilities coming up. When, though, I don't know."

According to Dr. Burack, this may well be so. "We are hoping," he said, "that the new gym, which is awaiting board approval, will be built this summer. Its floor area will be 4,000 to 4,500 square feet as compared to the 1,800 feet square of the present gym." In addition, Dr. Burack hopes the board will follow through with plans to purchase a nearby public park to replace the playing field lost this year when construction began on a lot adjacent to the school and loaned to it by its former owner.

Reaction to Students For Athletics is favorable, reports David, although one stumbling block is the lack of teacher support. "It would be good if they were enthusiastic but they are not," he said. "Parents, however, agree as a rule to whatever their kids want."

At least one parent who is not "just" agreeing with his two boys who attend CHA is Sydney Himel. Himel, a lawyer who twice represented Canada as a basketball player at the Maccabiah Games in Israel, told **The CJN** he is convinced that "even though the work load is heavy, I think there is room for athletics. Sports is a good teacher and character builder."

Himel, a volunteer basketball coach at the school, also criticizes "the complete lack of facilities. Athletics is a strong part of every Jewish boy's life and it's lacking in this school.

"You have to have an all round program," he added, "to keep him interested in the school and thusly they are losing a lot of low-identified Jews by not having this strong athletic incentive."

Apparently athletics in the public school system, meanwhile, is regarded as a more vital part of education, despite recent de-emphasizing of it by making it an optional subject in high schools.

"We are working for a whole person, not just a piece of paper," says Robert Gladish, director of physical and health education for the Toronto Board of Education. As proof of this attitude he cited a recent decision by the board to restore the athletic maintenance program, which was pared after recent budget cuts.

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National Arts Centre

Opera house scene for gala

By GARY LEVINE
OTTAWA–

An overflow crowd of nearly 2,500 persons were on hand last weekend for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Israel's independence in the opera house of the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

The evening was a collection of songs and dances, speeches and tributes offered by and for the people of the Ottawa Jewish community in honor of the state of Israel.

Highlighting the program was a speech by Finance Minister John Turner, who spoke of the close ties Israel and Canada have always shared. He mentioned Canada's initial support of Israeli statehood in 1948, her economic agreements with Israel, and her ongoing efforts to combat international terrorism. He termed Israel's 25-year existence a "miracle" which has succeeded "despite problems of every kind."

Nonetheless, he expressed concern about the inability of countries of the Middle East to find the formula for a lasting peace. He hoped that such peace would come soon and be fair and honorable to all countries involved.

He then read a congratulatory message from Prime Minister Trudeau.

In his message, Trudeau spoke of the "close and solid satisfaction... that Israel and the Canadian Jewish community, which has contributed significantly to Israeli development, can celebrate the important milestone in the life of Israel."

Israel Ambassador to Canada Dr. Theodor Meron spoke of the close relations enjoyed by Israel and Canada and expressed every hope for their continuation.

The main entertainment for the evening was provided by the internationally famous singing group, The Ayalons.

British actor John Neville, directed and was featured, with Judith Levine in an anniversary narrative which looked at the establishment and survival of Israel.

Architect Harry Kohl dead at 50 in Rome

TORONTO–

Funeral services were held last week for prominent Toronto architect Harry B. Kohl, who died while on business in Rome. He was 50.

Among some of his projects were the new staff residence at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, Brittanica House and an apartment building for senior citizens in Hamilton.

For five consecutive years, 1962-66, and in 1968-69, Kohl designed the National Home Show house. He received an award two years ago for excellence and design by the American Iron and Steel Institute for Vacation Housing.

Born in 1923, Kohl graduated from the University of Toronto School of Architecture with honors in 1947. Two years later, he set up private practice in Toronto. He acted as a consultant to the North York Township Planning Board. He was a member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and held the position of treasurer of the Ontario Association of Architects executive committee.

Despite his busy schedule, Kohl took time out to guest-lecture at the Universities of Toronto, York and Waterloo.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley.

Efforts of Danes praised

From Our Quebec Bureau
MONTREAL–

The Danish government will receive a special plaque to commemorate the country's valiant efforts in assisting Jews during the Nazi Holocaust. The award will be presented to Consul General Birger Abrahamson at the annual meeting of the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression at the Windsor Hotel May 27.

"Although we must never forget or forgive the Nazis for their crimes during the war," explained Chairman Issie Viesfeld, "we must also never forget those people who were so humanitarian. These people we must honor."

Viesfeld said that Denmark was one of the few countries not to be intimidated by the Nazis.

Veterans of War of Independence remember buddies, fire of battles

VANCOUVER–

Father Time turned back the clock last week for the Vancouver Jewish community.

In 1948, when Canadian Jewry was pouring money into helping the infant state of Israel survive against the onslaught of her Arab neighbors, close to 50 young men from B.C. and Alberta volunteered their lives for Israel. Last week, a special anniversary issue of the **Jewish Western Bulletin**, attempted to trace the whereabouts of the men from Vancouver who had heroically fought for Israel's independence.

Some are now settled in Israel, and some went back to their native Vancouver. For others, there is only a faded picture to keep alive the memory of those who never returned.

Today, 48 - year - old Michael Nortin is in the automotive sales business. In 1948, he was in the airplane business -- flying supplies from Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia into Israel. He was also part of a group that picked up and ferried three Flying Fortresses (bombers) from Prague and bombed Cairo en route to Israel.

A little over two months after landing in Palestine from Marseilles, Michael Norton was married in an outdoor ceremony to Miriam Lerer--the first time a volunteer had married a Sabra. Today they live with their two sons in Vancouver.

The choking smoke and fire of battle replaced the sandy shores of Vancouver for volunteer Arthur Goldberg. The University of British Columbia graduate, as part of the Israeli army, fought in the Gallilee, Central sector, the Negev, and participated in the conquest of Eilat (1948-49). Goldberg also helped organize a volunteer group from BC to serve in the Israeli defence forces in 1947-48-49.

Today, Goldberg is co-founder of United Tours, which operates more than 100 sightseeing tours throughout Israel. He and his wife, Leumith Levy, whom he met and married in Israel, have three children.

Sonny Wosk, 47, is in the meat business in Vancouver. Along with about 20 other boys, he arrived in Haifa in 1948. But not all of his time was spent fighting. During the course of one week, he spent a week dragging the water of Lake Kinneret from a fishing boat, searching for the body of his friend, Ralph Moster, whose Seaplane had crashed.

Sonny was a member of the Palmach and went north to the Galil. He and his friend Ralph had been numbers two and one on the same Browning machinegun against the Syrian army.

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New era of understanding seen in peace pact with United Church

It appears that a new and better era has begun in the relationship of the United Church of Canada and the Jewish community, as a result of the joint declaration signed by church officials and officers of B'nai B'rith last week. The so-called peace pact augurs well and it now remains for the words of the declaration to be translated into action.

The controversy that saw the church and the Jewish community on a collision course began many months ago when **The United Church Observer** printed articles on the Middle East which were, to put it mildly, decidedly anti-Israel in content. Formal and informal protests failed to move either church officials or Editor A.C. Forrest. The pat answer was that there would be no interference with the editor's right to criticize.

What constitutes reasonable, balanced criticism and what constitutes criticism that is destructive and based on a distortion of facts is, of course, a difficult question to answer. We believe that the long series of Middle East articles which appeared in **The Observer** was on the whole slanted against Israel, very much so. But what brought matters to a head was an amazing faux pas committed by Editor Forrest, amazing and astonishing because Mr. Forrest, as a professional journalist as well as a Christian minister, should have known better.

What the editor did was print an article in **The Observer** last March by John Nicholls Booth, a Unitarian minister from Florida, entitled "How Zionists Manipulate Your News." He is a contributor to **The American Mercury**, a magazine noted for its anti-Semitism and racism.

Nothing was more calculated to inflame the Jewish community and embarrass the United Church than this outrageous misuse of editorial freedom. Hot words were uttered and led to Mr. Forrest filing a lawsuit against the B'nai B'rith lodge and this was followed by a counter-suit by the lodge against the editor. Both lawsuits have been dropped. It is obvious that the United Church "persuaded" Mr. Forrest to drop the suit. Whatever the outcome, the church would end up the loser in the arena of public opinion.

The joint declaration signed at a peace conference by representatives of the church and B'nai B'rith was interesting for what it did not say as it was for what it did contain. The church voiced its deep regret "and disavow the insensitivity and inaccuracies contained in an article by John Nicholls Booth..." There was no mention of Editor Forrest, (he was not present at the peace table nor did he take part in behind-the-scene talks between the Canadian Jewish Congress and church officials), and there was no suggestion that curbs had been placed on his writings or what he accepted from outside writers, such as John Nicholls Booth. In fact, United Church Moderator Bruce McLeod said no steps were taken to prevent repetition of the Booth case, "though the chances of it happening again are relatively remote."

Relatively remote? In our view **The Observer** will not again print diatribes of the Booth variety, and we are quite sure the reprimand to Mr. Forrest contained in the joint declaration was merely the tip of the iceberg. The right of **The Observer** to criticize Israel is undisputed, as long as that right is exercised with fairness. We must never take the position that goes something like this, "those who are not for us are against us."

Not too much should be made of the fact that in the May issue of **The Observer**, is a Middle East article which our reporter was told was written by Mr. Forrest. Its tone is unfriendly to Israel, but we can live with such articles. The appearance of this piece in the same month as the reconciliation between the church and B'nai B'rith has caused unfavorable comment, but it is likely the Forrest article was written before the issuing of the joint declaration, and appeared in the May issue a week or two before the latest developments occurred.

We commend the United Church and the officers of B'nai B'rith for opening what we fervently hope will be a meaningful dialogue. The Jewish community asks for no special privileges or considerations, but only for a deepening of the spirit of brotherhood. What happened last week was an historic event and a good omen for the days to come.

Distinguished service marked Monty Berger's AJCS term

This week Monty Berger stepped down as president of Montreal's 125,000-member Allied Jewish Community Services, ending a two-year term of office that has witnessed some of the most dramatic changes in the community's recent history. By far the most noticeable aspect of the Berger administration during the last two years was foresight. Foresight to not only meet the challenges of the present, but the challenges that will shape the direction of this community in the years to come.

The most significant development in the province, as it relates to AJCS functions, concerns Quebec's new health and social services Bill 65. Berger's calm and accurate ability to appraise this situation has successfully led AJCS through months of perplexity and ever-present apprehension. His experience as a director of the St. Mary's Hospital was important in understanding the government's underlying aspirations.

Berger came to realize the implications and social changes that Bill 65 would provoke, even before the public was aware of the bill's existence. He was able to weigh both community needs and government intentions, and he directed AJCS on a course that would be neither compromising nor conflicting.

As a young man Berger intended to be a journalist, and he studied at Columbia until the war broke out. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, becoming a senior intelligence officer in short time. After a stint with **The Montreal Gazette**, he founded Berger, Tinsdale, Clarke and Lesly--a top management public relations firm. He is noted for being the first Jew to become vice-president of the Canadian Club of Montreal, and director of St. Mary's Hospital. He also serves as a director of the Montreal Board of Trade.

Pleasant, carefree day of walking should appeal to the whole family

We regard with some awe the phenomenon of the past three years of thousands of young people getting up bright and early on a Sunday to walk 22 miles to raise funds for the United Jewish Appeal.

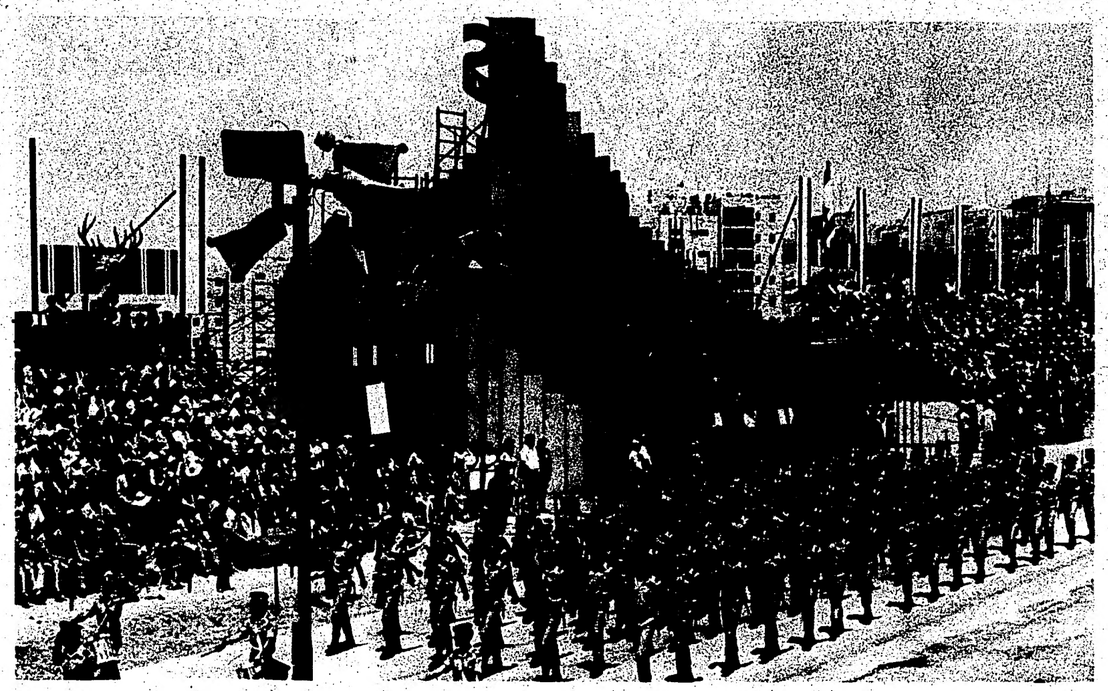
These walkathons have been so successful and so lucrative from a fund-raising point of view (more than $100,000 raised last year) that the idea is now built in as a regular feature of the annual United Jewish Appeal campaign. The 1973 walk takes place Sunday, May 27, and already there are indications that there is still great enthusiasm for the idea, despite the fact there have been several other walkathons and bike-a-thons in recent weeks.

Toronto Star columnist Dennis Braithwaite, commenting last year on the walkathon craze, suggested it might be more constructive if the kids earned money for charity through other means. Clean up the boulevards, the backyards, the ravines or perform other such civic tasks and get paid for the amount of trash collected, was one suggestion he made. He felt this was better than walking aimlessly.

While Braithwaite's idea has some merit, we feel that at this time of the year--when spring is really just beginning--we'd rather see a carefree spirit prevail. Let the girls giggle and gossip; let the boys whoop and run and holler without restraint--as long as they chalk up the miles! There is time later in the summer for the young people to work--after they get bored with too much vacation. Right now, while they are still programmed for school, let them relax, enjoy the sun (hopefully) and the air (which is not too polluted on Sundays) and have fun, secure in the knowledge that while they are enjoying themselves they are also helping launch the state of Israel on its second successful 25 years of history.

While we are emphasizing here that the young people be encouraged to walk, we are assured by the UJA that walkers of every age are welcome to participate. After all, the idea of a carefree day of walking should have as much appeal for the middle-agers and even the oldsters.

Come to think of it... maybe it's a great idea even for editors. Now... where did we put those comfortable walking shoes...



A navy unit marches past the main reviewing stand during the military parade in Jerusalem marking Israel's 25th anniversary.

Sabras of the 1970s differ from parents in their pragmatism, no doctrinairism

By PROF. AMNON RUBINSTEIN

Is it accidental that the most extreme voices in the nationalist camp belong to those born abroad? Is it accidental that most Sabra (native Israeli) journalists are in favor of political moderation, tolerance towards what is foreign and different, a liberal attitude towards the Arabs? Is it accidental that among those who demand the expulsion of Arabs from the land of Israel or a small pogrom to hasten things --as was advocated by one of the ideologists of the Land of Israel Movement--there is not a single Sabra?

I believe all this is not accidental. One of the characteristics of the Sabra is the lack of doctrinairism: this differentiates him from his parents' generation. They were, at least in their youth, followers of a philosophy that claimed to have an answer for every question. The Sabra is practical and pragmatic. He considers the problems facing him and tries to find a practical solution for them. He looks ahead to the end of the road and is in a rush to get there. Idleness and lack of activity are foreign to him. He wants to achieve much in a short time.

His attitude to life is more similar to that of his grandfather in the East European shtetl (small village) than to that of his pioneer father: the immediate solutions--economic, social, personal--are important to him. It was from his grandfather, not from his parents, that he inherited a key-word which, although foreign, has become part of his daily language: tachles, pronouned the East European way, meaning "purpose" or "object" has become just as prevalent as "practical." From his grandfather in the shtetl he also inherited the ambition for a real profession, which would provide him well: doctor, lawyer, merchant, industrialist, even scientist; something substantive, not vague or airy.

It was also from his grandfather, and not from his father, that he inherited the great desire to study--mainly in order to acquire professional knowledge.

The Sabra is a practical creature, who can exist and manage even when times are bad; he finds his way even in a foreign environment. When he serves in the reserves, he withstands the hardships, a-broad he finds the shops where Israelis get discounts, and when necessary he can hold a position and a half and sometimes more. He grew up in a dense social climate, full of tension. His childhood was characterized by social and security crises; this is how he learned, from experience, to appreciate all that the good life can offer.

His practicality and his lack of doctrinairism form his political image, too. He is more tolerant and moderate than his parents. In a long list of public opinion polls, the Sabra stands out as the one who expresses the most liberal attitudes in the variety of Israel opinions.

But the Sabra tolerance, too, is not ideological, and does not emanate from a solid philosophical point of view; it is not the tolerance of a fighting liberalism, but the product of an ideological bluntness, of a certain malaise, of doubt whether a certain example is correct. Therefore, the Sabra will hardly ever fight for his tolerant viewpoint, and will not protest against extremist views.

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How Menachem Begin could gain power

Dear Editor:

A distinguished visitor from Israel was in Montreal last month. This was Menachem Begin whose name was anathema to the British government during the days he headed the famed underground movement, the Irgun Zvai Leumi, which according to Winston Churchill, as quoted in Ben Hecht's **Perfidy**, caused the English to quit Palestine. Begin is today the leader of the opposition Gahal party.

Speculation as to the next prime minister of Israel after the October general election when Golda Meir is expected to retire, centres around Moshe Dayan, Yigal Allon and Pinhas Sapir, all members of the ruling Mapai party. The name of Begin is never mentioned as it is believed that the same political party which has governed Israel since its rebirth will continue to do so after the election.

However, for the first time in Israel's history, there is a possibility of a change of government. It is interesting to explore how this might happen.

It is inconceivable that Begin could win outright by capturing a majority of the 120 seats in Israel's parliament, the Knesset. No party, even Mapai, has ever come close to doing this. The way to power lies in another direction. It is by a possible coalition of Gahal with the religious parties and a breakaway faction of the Mapai.

A recent public opinion poll showed that Gahal would win 32 seats if a vote were held. According to **The New York Times** (April 4, 1973), Dayan may bolt the Mapai party if it rejects his proposals on what to do with the territory liberated from Jordan in the Six Day War. If he did so, then as many as 12 members may follow him and Dayan has indicated that in this case, he would form an alliance with Begin, his former close collaborator in the national unity government under Levi Eshkol.

Menachem Begin

It would then only take another alliance with the religious parties, who are actually more sympathetic to Gahal's policies than to those of Mapai, to give Israel its first non-socialist and nationalist government. Begin, the most authentic hero of the Jewish people living today, would then become prime minister and Israel would have its strongest government.

Howard Grief
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Editor:

We are writing not to protest your article of April 25th, describing some of the words spoken at the seminar sponsored by the Friends of Pioneering Israel, Toronto on April 22nd; but to round out more fully our purposes in holding the seminar, and some of our findings.

The title of the seminar was **25 Years of the State of Israel--A Socialist Evaluation**. Please note that we did not describe the seminar as an evaluation of "socialist Israel"; for, as was clearly stated by the speakers and by the participants in the seminar, Israel has not succeeded in becoming a socialist state. We recognize that during the foundation and establishment of Israel, socialist thinking and socialist action were instrumental as guides and as models. Being a socialist - Zionist organization, the Friends of Pioneering Israel is quite aware of the monumental contributions that Labor Zionism has made in creating and developing the state of Israel.

However, we also recognize that nowhere in the world has the socialist dream been realized, although there are those who point out the Soviet Union and say, "See, that's socialism for you!" We maintain that socialism is a positive, human approach to not merely economics, but to total inter-personal and community relations. We do not condemn socialism!

However, we do criticize failures. We are not happy when crimes are committed in the name of socialism, nor are we happy when certain injustices are described as "the works of socialism," when in fact, socialism had nothing to do with the perpetration of those injustices, indeed, when only the abandonment of socialist ideals allowed such crimes to be committed.

The seminar was an evaluation of Israel, a country which started out on the road to socialism but which somehow has failed to continue on that road. We took this opportunity to examine as well the role of the Jew in the Diaspora during the last 25 years. A broad consensus criticized the rigidity, the bureaucratization, and the appalling lack of democratic processes within our own Jewish community and institutions. A trend has developed towards a monolithic Jewish establishment and counter - progressive values in the Jewish community--a trend which runs counter to the best ideals that Judaism has to offer.

It was generally agreed that Jews in the Diaspora were not to function merely as apologists for Israel's foreign policy or as professional fund-raisers but that we had our own vital and distinct contribution to make to Judaism and to our own communities.

It was gratifying for all of us to participate with men such as Uri Zohar, Chaim Gunner, Moshe Giladi, Howard Buchbinder, Howard Adelman and Abraham Rotstein, to mention but a few of our distinguished participants. We focused on common problems and reaffirmed our ideals and our hopes for Jewish self-fulfilment through progressive action.

We found that there exist inside our Jewish community groups of men and women who, although disenchanted with certain trends both in Israel and right here in our own community, still continue in their activity and in their hopes of socialist-Zionist self-realization.

Efrim Boritz
Co-ordinator of activities
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Toronto, Ontario

Dear Editor:

Since I came to this country 25 years ago, I have not missed attending the commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Sometimes those commemoration celebrations stood on the proper height, with what such a solemn occasion demanded. Other times, there was a great deal to be critical about.

This year when we celebrated the 30th anniversary, for the first time, I could not help writing to you to express my disappointment and that of my friends who attended. First of all, it seems that the presentation was not representative of the entire Jewish community. Participation was limited from just one synagogue and in very poor taste. The chairman of this evening managed to have two "speeches," when one would have been sufficient. The climax came when the so-called main speaker delivered his speech in Yiddish and then went on at great length to say "just a few words" in English, which in our opinion did not display mastery of either language, regardless of the professorial title.

We must blame the organizers. They were lured away by the title of "professor" from many capable speakers within the community who could have participated in the commemoration. They have been absent on these occasions, and we are wondering why! Also, the speech was much too long and the people became restless. The result was a disgrace of the most commemorated evening in honor of our heroes.

We express our hope that this year will not be an example for the future commemoration celebrations which are so important and meaningful to the Jewish community.

M. Gruda
Downsview, Ontario

Dear Editor:

I cannot but agree with Paul Yewchuk (PC Athabasca) that the $230,000 advertising campaign to publicize the federal multi-cultural policy--a four page spread that appeared in your paper recently, as pure Liberal propaganda, and as an extension of "Trudeau's 'goodies' " that he announced during the last election.

I am sure that most Jews, mindful of government wasteful spending, that affects all Canadians, will consider the multi-cultural program to a very large extent, as nothing less than "political bribery."

An ethnic or minority culture that cannot flourish on its own enthusiasm--and its own funds--will certainly die sooner or later.

Ben Otis
Willowdale, Ontario

Dear Editor:

Whoever has attended the 25th anniversary of the state of Israel and whoever cares about the largest portion of types of Jews in Israel has certainly witnessed one of the greatest injustices ever.

Sephardic Jews account for two-thirds of Israel's population. Far more Sephardic Jews have given their lives to make the liberation possible than any other kind of combattants.

Toronto Jewry is also enriched with Sephardic Jews. The president of the Canadian Zionist Federation not only knows them, but has been very recently invited as a guest of honor with the biggest Sephardic congregation of Toronto.

Yet 25 candles were kindled May 6, at the 25th independence birthday of Israel held at the Centennial arena.

Twenty-five candles and it was the right time to forget about Sephardic Jews.

Of a few Sephardic congregations of Toronto not one president, not one representative was called upon to kindle a candle.

I was shocked at this show of discrimination and the willful attitude of segregation.

Are we Sephardic Jews not good enough to participate in a celebration which was created with the blood and the lives of many more Sephardic Jews than any other kind of Jews?

Elias Benmergui
Toronto, Ontario

ask the rabbi

The procedure for putting up mezuzot in cells

1. If a prisoner has been sentenced to a long term in jail is he required to fix a mezuza in his cell? What is the procedure at Israeli prisons?

RESPONSE:

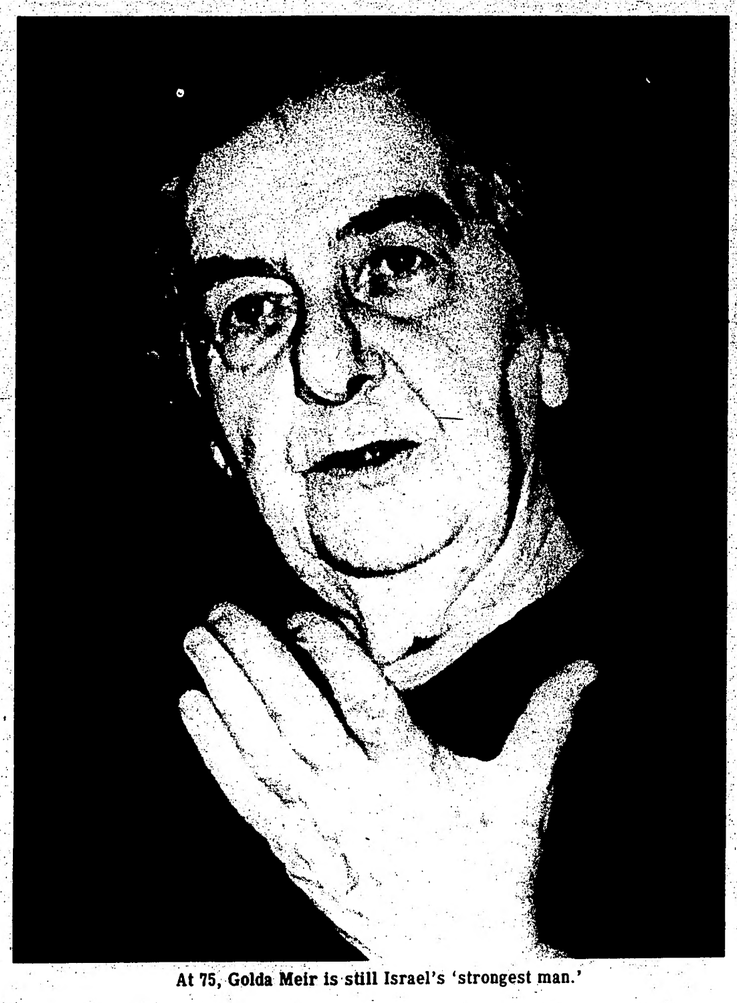
There is certainly no need for him to have a mezuza on the door of his cell in a non-Jewish prison since only a house owned or rented by a Jew requires a mezuza when a Jew resides there. But what of a Jewish prison? Prison as a penal institution was not known in rabbinic law so there is no reference to the question in the Talmud. The nearest we get to the problem in the Talmud is the discussion (Yoma 106) whether the cell in the Temple in which the High Priest was obliged to stay before Yom Kippur has to have a mezuza.

Some say that a dwelling not freely chosen does not require a mezuza and some say that it does. Otherwise it would seem as if the High Priest was being kept in prison. The question was discussed by the famous scholar R. Chayim Joseph David Azulai (1724-1806) in his commentary to Yoreh Deah known as Birke Yosef (286, 4). Azulai decides that a prison cell does require a mezuza if the prisoner has been sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. If his sentence is only for a month or two no mezuza is required on the analogy of a cabin in a ship. I am afraid that I am unaware of the procedure in Israeli prisons.

2. Does a mezuza have to be examined periodically? On moving does one leave mezuzot where they are or remove them in new premises?

RESPONSE:

The Talmud (Yoma 11a) states that mezuzot in private houses have to be examined (to see whether the writing has faded) twice every 70 years but in public buildings twice every 50 years (in order to avoid bothering the public Rashi). This is the ruling given in the Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh Deah 291, 1). The custom is to leave the mezuzot when moving house if the next occupant is Jewish.



At 75, Golda Meir is still Israel's 'strongest man.'

Golda--geriatric guerrilla keeps stirring national pot

By GEOFFREY D. PAUL
JERUSALEM-

Behind the shroud of cigarette smoke which constantly enfolds her head and shoulders like some apocalyptic cloud, the marks of time are more sharply etched, the greying hairs beyond restraint and the weariness of manner increasingly obvious.

But Golda Meir at 75 has lost none of the quickness of wit or sharpness of mind which makes her, as the old quip has it, the strongest man in the Israeli cabinet.

While the heirs presumptive await her promised word on whether she will lead the Labor Alignment into the next election, she herself goes about her daily grind as if her eventual decision is a matter of the smallest consequence, displaying little of that disability which, seven years ago, saw her in semi-retirement and her friends lamenting her ill-health.

Now after five firm years in power, it is hard to visualize the prime minister's office uncluttered by Golda's black handbag, its ashtrays bearing the imprint of her passing and heavy, slightly bent figure leaning across the desk to point an admonishing finger at some clearly foolish questioner.

She still sets a pace which younger ministers scarcely emulate. Her day, whether at her official home in Jerusalem's leafy Rehavia or her private apartment near Tel Aviv University, starts around 8 a.m. and can finish anywhere after midnight. She has the Churchillian habit of snatching a nap during the day, sometimes at home, occasionally on the couch in her office.

She relaxes when she can with some of her favorite classical music, a life-long love which recalls her first days in Palestine. When the young Golda Meyerson applied for membership of Kibbutz Merhavia she was turned down on the grounds of lack of accommodation. The kibbutz quickly made room for her, however, when they discovered she had arrived with her own gramophone and records.

She is, as the Scots would say, a canny housekeeper, querying the electricity bills and keeping a watchful eye on the outgoings.

This concern is also seen by her refusal to use an Air Force helicopter for her travels, if a car will do just as well. She has no fear of flying, but resents wastefulness.)

She shops assiduously, too, before visiting her daughter and grand-children at their home in Revivim, where she herself plans one day to spend her retirement. Her arrival at Revivim is marked by a flurry of parcels and goodies for the youngsters to whom she behaves precisely like the proverbial Jewish grandmother, displaying her anxiety the minute they wander out of sight.

But the grandmother image, so beloved of television interviewers, is not all of Golda. She has a fiercer side to her, too, as those know who have crossed her with unsubstantiated arguments, with lies or--at civil servant level--with lack of courtesy to members of the public.

Calling on the assistance of a Yiddish word, or an English one, when the Hebrew phrase escapes her (which is rare), she can devastate a cabinet minister with a withering tirade.

But the same voice, her English still heavily accented with her American upbringing, can charm a president with an impromptu joke and, summoning a photograph from the depths of her ubiquitous handbag, involve him in the latest doings of a favorite grandchild.

Her feminity is displayed in other directions, too. Her eyes have been seen to fill with tears when moving at some base among the young men of the armed forces (she is called at any time of day or night when a casualty is signalled).

Gus Fisher-he doesn't take no for answer; Who else could fight City Hall and win?

By HORACE BROWN

The telephone rang on a cold, raw November night.

"Mr. Brown," said the breathless, hurried voice in its impossible accent. "This is Gustav Fisher. You have done many things for us in the (Kensington) Market. Now, I would like to do something for you. I would like you and your wife to be my guests at my hotel in the Bahamas for a week." —

Well, I'd known Gus Fisher was quite an entrepreneur, working out of his Kensington Market produce store on Kensington Street, garnering up lumber companies and stores and houses and people in his headlong way, losing some of them and getting others. But this was the first time I had heard he was in the hotel business. After 12 years of knowing Gus, nothing should have surprised me, but the little man always has some new ball to add to his juggling act.

After it was sorted out, I found Gus was part owner of the Blue Vista Hotel near Nassau, and his was a genuine and spontaneous act of friendship, no strings, hidden or otherwise, attached. There was a flight he had chartered leaving Monday (this was Thursday), and he had two extra tickets, and would we like to go.

He had made me an offer we could not refuse.

Not long after my election to city council in 1961 as an alderman for Ward 4, I was introduced into the wild, wacky, and wonderful world of Kensignton Market, presided over by genial Joe Lottman, and manipulated by Gus Fisher. I use the word "manipulated" advisedly.

Gus had clawed his way back from the hells of the Nazi concentration camps. By bursting with ideas, by staying on the run, by working harder than two other men, Gus Fisher had brought himself to affluence and authority in the one, the only, the genuine Kensington Market. Once known as the "Jewish Market," it is rapidly being taken over by the industrious Portuguese.

The businessmen of the market yearned for respectability. They had been living on the fringe for years, and did not like it. Some of them were literally millionaires. I am sure Gus Fisher was until he was caught in a financial buzzsaw known as "Revenue Properties," and I am sure he will be again.

Possibly the worst offender against city regulations was my friend Gus. His friends used to say that Gus got his kicks in court, trying to outwit the city. When he gained an acquital, as sometimes happened, it was cause for celebration.

Gus and others were always getting court summonses for erecting illegal canopies over city-owned property and using them as adjuncts to their stores. They gained my sympathy, when I learned that, over the years, the city had declared a number of these illegal canopies "legal." So, if you knew the right person, you could get a canopy; otherwise, you got a summons. I didn't like city business run that way, and said so.

When the matter was thrown to Ray Bremner, the doughty commissioner of public works, he agreed he would be glad to supervise legal canopies. As they were being erected over city boulevards in front of stores, I asked for and obtained legislation that would rent city boulevards to those who had been using them illegally for years, anyway. In this way, the city obtained some additional revenue and the merchants became law-abiding citizens.

Of course, this was not the complete answer. Gus Fisher, especially, was frustrated. What about the winter months? Why couldn't the canopies be enclosed for the cold weather? I tried to explain that the city had made a great concession, but Gus is single-minded when he thinks he's right. He wanted the right to put up a canopy that could be enclosed and heated for the winter and taken down for a summer canopy in the warm months.

So Gus and I went back to battle city hall again. And once more Gus was in the courts. Ray Bremner had a job to do, and so did the city inspectors, and the juggernaut was about to roll over Gus for all his nimbleness.

I appeared before the Public Works Committee to argue the logic, if not the legality, of Gus' actions. It was batted back and forth from committee to committee. Gus went from court to court, with the city agreeing to postpone legal action until legislative action was taken. Finally, my good colleague, Ald. June Marks, who had been opposed to the idea on principle, agreed to some ironclad legislation that would allow the commissioner to tear down any canopies which did not conform with all the rules for openness after winter was over.

So Gus has his winter canopy. And so do others in Kensington. But I'm not betting he won't find a way around it all and make them year-round.

Columnist Horace Brown recalls Gus Fisher and their fight with City Hall authorities over Kensington Market canopies.

President Katzir not alone

Professors climb out of academic woodwork into politics

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
REHOVOT-

A small group of professors are attacking the government for not doing enough to help Soviet Jews whom, the professors fear, may face another Holocaust.

Weizmann Institute researcher Isaac Horowitz, one of the group's spokesmen, angrily accuses "the Jewish establishment and the state of Israel" of obscuring the frightening facts. Golda Meir, he declares, should be openly backing the Jackson amendment -- linking U.S. trade concessions to the USSR with abolition of the diploma tax on emigrants -- instead of piously opting out of the Jackson-Nixon controversy by calling it an internal American issue.

Horowitz arrived in Israel from the U.S. only a few years ago and most of his compatriots are recent immigrants from the Soviet Union. The majority of Israeli academicians have remained silent on the question.

This is not unusual, for local professors seldom speak out on political issues. There are activists, notably the half-dozen Knesset members from the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University and Bar-Ilan. But, with the possible exception of Prof. Hans Klinghoffer of the Liberal party, none presently play a key role in legislative affairs.

The one issue which has evoked steady comment from the groves of academe is the controversy over the future of the administered areas. Many professors have joined the "don't give back an inch" Land of Israel Movement, while even more are in the Movement for Peace and Security, which favors substantial territorial concessions in the interests of peace.

Last year, a 34-member group, drawn mainly from the social sciences faculty of Hebrew University, cabled Prime Minister Meir to complain that the government had "failed to exhaust all possibilities of opening talks with Egypt." This evoked a counter-telegram, signed mostly by Tel Aviv University professors, charging that the first group of savants was, in fact, supporting the completely unacceptable Rogers Plan.

These cables in turn gave rise to a flood of articles about whether professors are any more qualified than tailors or taxi drivers to give the government advice. One of the professors concerned, Hebrew University dove Shaul Friedlander, admitted that he and his colleagues might sometimes be naive about politics, but, he added, their training gave them the habit of systematically seeking out the basic facts on an issue, namely the truth.

Whatever else they may lack, Israel's academicians do not want for prestige, as has been demonstrated by the election of Weizmann Institute Prof. Ephraim Katzir as the country's fourth president.

The office is essentially a ceremonial one, a fact which distressed Israel's first scientist-president, Dr. Chaim Weizmann. Weizmann, who had led the Zionist movement through three stormy decades, felt cheated when he discovered that the presidency, in accordance with the wishes of his arch-rival David Ben-Gurion, gave him great glory but no power. He described himself during that period as "the prisoner of Rehovot" (where his Weizmann Institute home became the country's first Presidential Residence).

When Prof. Katzir leaves his Rehovot home on May 23 for the Presidential Residence in Jerusalem, he will do so without illusions as to his new position. He realizes very well that he will not shape political policy and, indeed, has no desire to do so. At the same time, he clearly hopes to influence the evolving pattern of Israeli society, to be more than a professorial figurehead who simply shakes hands and cuts ribbons.

Arabs everywhere create a furore when the Duke came to dinner

By CHARLES HYAMS
LONDON-

One of Anglo-Jewry's proudest occasions took place in London last week when Prince Philip attended a banquet organized by the Jewish National Fund and attended by 700 leading communal personalities as well as a large number of lords and ladies, knights of the realm and members of Parliament.

The purpose of this distinguished gathering -- for which the setting was the ancient and historic Guildhall in the heart of the City of London--was symbolically to hand over to the Duke, a little belatedly, the Jewish community's gift to him and the Queen for their silver wedding, celebrated last November.

The gift is a forest in Israel, to be known as the Royal Forest, which eventually will have one million trees. More than half that total have been subscribed to and the names of all donors, large and small, were included in a specially-produced commemorative volume presented to the Duke by British Chief Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits.

On their arrival, the Duke and guests were met by a small protest demonstration by Arabs and their supporters. One was expecting a much bigger display of disapproval because of the publicity which this gift aroused.

When the project was launched last September, the general press reported it only briefly and then about a month ago, the Royal Forest made front-page headlines. The Arabs, both in London and Cairo, suddenly woke up to what they considered was unjust interference by the Royal Family in the Middle East dispute. Arab ambassadors in London lodged a joint protest with both the foreign office and Buckingham Palace but got little consolation from either place. The furore subsided as quickly as it had started.

After the Guildhall dinner, the Arabs must have wished they had never protested at all. Far from ignoring Independence Day, the Duke went out of his way to mention it--and at the same time to gently poke fun at the Arab protest. He referred jokingly to "a country somewhere in the Middle East" where the forest was to be planted and expressed the joy of himself and the Queen at the choice of gifts from Anglo-Jewry.

Julian Amery, minister of state at the foreign office, also alluded to Independence Day when he said that in Olympic terms, the occasion was a "double silver" as both the royal couple and Israel were celebrating silver jubilees.

The non-Jews present, including the Duke, must have gone away impressed by the dignity of the occasion--a striking contrast with the ill-mannered protest of the Arabs who sought to make political capital out of what was clearly termed, right from the outset, as "a tribute of loyalty and affection."

Smile, uncle Eliezer

Exposing those headshrinkers

By J.B. SALSBERG

My uncle Eliezer, who often sees these columns before they reach the editors, has been demanding a showdown for a long time. This he did everytime he saw me open this paper and turn pale when I saw the head over my column. I deny that I turn pale but he insists that I do. And when I do--or when he thinks that I do--he sputters' "Damned head-shrinkers."

Since psychiatrists are often referred to as head - shrinkers and since one never knows when one may find oneself on the psychiatrist's couch I hasten to assure those experts of the hidden mysteries of the mind and soul that uncle Eliezer does not refer to them when he damns head-shrinkers. He directs his anger at the editors who seem to get fiendish delight out of changing my brilliant heads--or captions, as they are often called--to the kind of heads that hit the eyes of my dearly beloved readers.

Being slow to anger I hesitated to follow uncle Eliezer's advice to bring my war with the editors into the open. I pointed out to him that after all the editors did improve a few heads over my columns. I also reminded him that there is some validity to their arguments that they are restricted by space and, as they always remind me, type is made of metal and not rubber so they are not stretchable or shrinkable.

But all my arguments failed. Uncle Eliezer persisted that head-shrinking and head-changing is a fiendish delight of editors and that someone should call a halt to it.

Now, I know very well that editors will not give up this pleasure for anything in the world but a little exposure won't hurt. It is, for instance, well known that long-serving and meritorious editors of the big dailies are rewarded with a stint at the most covetous of jobs--that of writing the heads over news and stories. The tug-of-war between the writers and the head-shrinkers has gone so far that writers and reporters stopped putting heads over their masterpieces altogether. In this way the writers deprive the caption makers of the delight of changing what another man did and they also save themselves the agony of finding what was done to their brilliant and beautiful head creations.

"Perhaps I should try that policy too," I said to my uncle, "and from now on send in my columns without heads altogether and deprive them of the pleasure of changing what took me hours to create." Uncle Eliezer disagreed. "Don't give in," he pleaded, "your heads are better than what they put on, so fight the head-shrinkers in the open," he concluded.

Mind you, it didn't take much for uncle Eliezer to convince me that my captions have beauty, grace, meaning etc. etc. For instance, my column on Leslie Frost was headed by me "My relations with Leslie M. Frost" but what did the editors substitute it with? Humanitarian cut ice in political arena." "What does that mean," asked my uncle, "a humanitarian who went around cutting ice in arenas?" Or take the caption over the column dealing with the Soviet news agency as peddling the "elders of Zion" anti-Semitic poison which, as revealed in the Paris trial; my heading was, to say the least, brief and to the point "Moscow's frightful crime; 'incitement to racial hatred and violence'." What replaced it in the paper? "Reaction is lacking to judgment in Paris." No question which was better, no?

After long deliberations my uncle and I arrived at a brilliant solution. From now on we will continue to place our brilliant heads over our masterpieces, the editors will thus not be deprived of the fiendish pleasure of changing them (after all we are humanitarians) but we will incorporate our original heads inside, in the body of the story so that our readers are not deprived of the joy of comparing the substitute with the original.

Fair enough? "More than fair," says uncle Eliezer. And that's the way it shall be. The war against the head-shrinkers is now in the open.

Oh yes, our head this week should read: "Uncle Eliezer wants exposure of head-shrinkers." It will be interesting to see what they did with it.

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

Dr. Israel Knox

YIDDISH FESTIVAL

Author-lecturer Israel Knox, philosophy professor at New York University, is to be guest speaker at an Oneg Shabbat Friday, May 25, at Temple Sinai at 8:30 p.m., which opens the third Yiddish Festival arranged by the Committee for Jews of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. The temple's cantor, Severin Weingort, and musical director, Ben Steinberg, will participate in a program of Yiddish songs. The community is invited.

BAZAAR '73

It's bazaar time for Toronto B'nai B'rith Women Wednesday, May 23, and great things are in store for bargain hunters and others!--such as half-hourly specials and an evening auction sale. Bazaar '73 opens the doors at 10 a.m. at St. Lawrence Market. Door prize is a 1973 Vega.

LAG B'OMER PARADE

Some 3,000 Montreal Jewish youth are expected to participate in the Lag B'Omer parade and outing on Sunday, May 20. The youngsters will be bused from all parts of the island and will meet at the rally point on Westbury and Plamandone Sts. After a short ceremony they will step behind marching bands and giant floats, and head down Cote Des Neiges St. From there chartered buses will take the youngsters to St. Helen's island for an outing in the park with picnic lunches supplied.

ANNIVERSARY

Israel's 25th anniversary will be celebrated by the Toronto Zionist Council Wednesday, May 23, at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Ave. The program will include music by the Hadassah-WIZO choir under the direction of Esther Ghan-Firestone; a special audio-visual presentation of Israel's first 25 years; and a choreographic interpretation **On the Market of Jerusalem** by the University Settlement International Dancers under the direction of Ernie Krehm. There is no charge for admission and tickets may be obtained through the TZC office.

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Three B'nai B'rith Youth Organization chapters--Mitzvah, Tamara and Exodus--helped the Jewish people of a small town in Russia keep kosher. Apparently, when the town's shoichet emigrated to Israel, the townspeople were without means of observing Kashruth. A new man is being trained but the proper knives and stones necessary for the performance of his duties were not available. Through the sale of chocolate bars and personal contributions, the youngsters raised enough money to purchase the knives and stones.

MUSICIANS TAKE NOTE

If you play the violin, the flute--or any other musical instrument for that matter--why not join the Beth Tzedec Orchestra. They newly-formed group has had a half-a-dozen meetings so far and will meet a few more times before disbanding for the summer. Of course, they expect to be going great guns again in the fall with conductor Allan Joel, a Western University music graduate. The group is open to all and, if you are interested, contact the synagogue.

EZRA AND KADIMA CONCERT

Be sure to circle Wednesday, May 30. That is the date of the seventh annual Ezra and Kadima Concert sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in conjunction with the Toronto Council of Cantors. It features Cantors Louis Dantow, Sheldon Merel and Ephraim Rosenberg, Hebrew-Yiddish folk singer Jennie Eisenstein, and the young people of the Kadima School and Kadima Centre. The concert is at 8:15 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Elder St.

LIBRARY MEETING

The annual election meeting of the Jewish Public Library takes place Wednesday, May 23, at 8:30 p.m. in the library auditorium. Guest speaker Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, of Clanton Park Synagogue, will be discussing **Israel and the People of the Book**. Also on the agenda--president's report and the director's observations.

FROM BROADWAY TO STAGE 210

Lovers and Other Strangers, is the Broadway hit that later became a successful movie, is being presented at Temple Sinai Stage 210 Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27. Made up of four different but related comedy sketches, the play deals with humorous situations arising from male and female relationships.

For 28th time, Sam Cohen heads College Memorial

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO–

Later this month Sam Cohen will be installed for the 28th time as president of the only non-profit Jewish funeral home in Canada, College Memorial -- a job he freely admits gets depressing at times.

"But I believe the more you help the dead, the longer you live," he says. "It's in the Bible."

And at 74, with more than 33 years of volunteer work for the funeral home behind him, he may be right.

Cohen says his connection with College Memorial began during the early years of the Second World War when he was named a delegate from the Sons of Jacob Benevolent Society to a cemetery committee. At that time the funeral home had fewer than 10,000 members drawn from about a dozen organizations.

College Memorial now has a membership of approximately 30,000 from 44 organizations. Cohen explains that each organization pledges to send any of their members who die to College Memorial.

And while the funeral home does not own any burial land, Cohen says that they, in some past cases, arranged the purchase of burial plots. The increasing shortage of available burial land may also eventually force College Memorial to buy its own land.

Cohen says that, for the past 25 years, College Memorial has been on an even financial keel but that the early years were not as steady.

"When we started we had to borrow money from every organization to pay the rent," he says. "Now we own the building and have a substantial treasury."

He explains that--because College Memorial is a non-profit community institution --the treasury is directed to charities of every description and denomination.

"During the past 25 years, I can honestly say we've given hundreds of thousands of dollars to charity.

"Even a priest came to us once," recalls Cohen. "He wanted some money for the church. We gave it to him --after all we're all human beings."

Cohen is quick to point out that, during his years as president, he has had the help of such men as Dave Green, Alfred Mend and Julius Wiener who will be installed as officers at Associated Hebrew Schools May 28.

He adds that many people who will work for other charities are reluctant to become involved with a project so close to death--a fact of life most would rather not think about.

"People are there for a little while and they're actually scared," says Cohen.

Sam Cohen

"A lot of people who were scared have run away. They were there a month or two and then..."

But if he doesn't understand their fear, neither does he condemn it because he admits "I was scared at first, too."

When the retired textile businessman is not busy managing the affairs of College Memorial, he keeps his mind on the lighter things in life.

He spends a good deal of time entertaining people at the Hebrew Club for the Blind or the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care with his repertoire of Yiddish folk songs -- some of which were recorded last year by folklore expert Prof. Dov Noy. The rest of his time, he says, is filled just keeping tabs on his offspring--two daughters, a son, 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

One thing the rotund, jovial Cohen doesn't spend much time doing is dwelling on the subject of death.

He says that, from what he has seen, people's attitudes to it have remained relatively constant throughout the years and he doesn't hold with some of the newer theories about it.

An example is the recent theory that devout Jews who are on the point of death keep themselves alive by sheer willpower through the high holidays. Cohen rejects it completely.

Says Cohen: "If God calls you, no matter what holiday it is, you go."

Shalom sends greetings right across the country

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ
TORONTO–

From one cable company in Toronto to more than 30 cable systems throughout Canada--that has been the dramatic growth of **Shalom**, the weekly one-hour television program produced by the Zionist Organization of Canada. And most of this growth has been accomplished under the guidance of Hanoch Rizman, the producer-director of the show.

Rizman, in a recent interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, pointed out that when he first began working on **Shalom**, it was a purely local production and that in the two years since, it has become a regular feature on cable systems from coast to coast, including many cities which have very small Jewish populations. Rizman credits this to the fact that **Shalom** is now channelled to a much wider audience and is not intended for Jews alone. The show tries to make the rest of the community understand Jews and their way of life.

Rizman believes that **Shalom** offers television viewers something different, something not available on any other station and that

Hanoch Rizman

his show "tries to cover every aspect" of life in the Jewish community. To accomplish this, **Shalom** is composed of different segments.

A newscast, usually read by Robert Hall or George Hamel, provides information from Israel and the Jewish world. Ralph Hyman, editor of **The Canadian Jewish News**, often delivers news commentaries on this part of the program.

Another regular segment in an introduction to the Hebrew language which features the puppet Toovia and Hebrew teacher Noemi Lieberman. In addition, most shows include interviews and or films with Joanne Ruderfer and Ruhama Goldstein acting as hostesses and interviewers.

One sign of **Shalom**'s success is the list of guests and features the show has presented. During Yigal Allon's recent visit to Toronto, it was **Shalom** which obtained an exclusive interview with the Israeli cabinet minister.

Shalom was also the first television program in North America to show a 13-minute film clip from **Fiddler on the Roof** and had Chaim Topol as a guest when **Fiddler** premiered in Toronto.

Asked about the new Jewish program **Mosaic: The Jewish Show** broadcast by Channel 79 in Toronto, Rizman replied:

"I welcome the competition because it will improve both of us."

He then said the two shows differ a great deal; **Mosaic** is essentially a local show concerned with Toronto while **Shalom** is national in scope.

. . . about people

Eitz Chaim students Moses Bandayan and Alan Sotto show their prize-winning project.

A project on radioactivity by three Eitz Chaim students, **Moses Bendayan**, **Alan Sotto** and **Arnie Stammler**, won second prize in a science contest sponsored by the Toronto Junior Board of Trade at the Ontario Science Centre recently. Their project showed radioactive particles being emitted from a chamber and demonstrated various methods of detecting radioactivity. The contest was open to all students up to 14 years of age and the award was based on the display, an essay on the topic and answers to questions posed by a team of judges.

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Two Torontonians will be heading up Canadian B'nai B'rith for the coming year. Insurance-man **E. James Cooper** is the newly elected president of Canadian BB District #22 and **Lucille Bensky** (she initiated and spearheaded Toronto's Tay-Sachs detection program) leads the BB Women. Both were installed at the organization's 10th anniversary convention at the Nevele Country Club, N.Y., this week.

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Avrohom Ceitlin and **Yosef Kramer**, both of Montreal were among the six senior rabbinical students who left for two years study at the Rabbinical College of Australia and New Zealand earlier this month. The students are being sent by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, **Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson**, of New York, the world leader of the Lubavitch movement. The Rabbinical College is a Lubavitcher institution, founded in Melbourne six years ago by the rebbe, at the request of the Australian Jewish community.

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Friends of the late **Estelle Franklin** will be pleased to know that a medical research fund has been established in her name by her husband, **Harold Franklin**, and family in conjunction with the University of Toronto medical department. The fund, named the **Estelle Franklin Medical Research Fund** is set up for research into the area of amyloidosis (an excess of starch-like substance in the body) and related diseases until such time as a cure or prevention for amyloidosis is found. The fund is under the direction of U of T Chairman of the Department of Medicine **Dr. Charles Hollenberg** and will be administered through the office of the vice-president of business affairs of the university.

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Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, who resigned as president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, is now executive vice-president of the America-Israel Culture Foundation.

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Books, warm atmosphere create cozy corner for children at North York libraries

TORONTO–
A small boy marched up to the desk at the Children's Room in Willowdale Library.

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The lady behind the desk walked around to him.

"And what sort of tree would you like to climb?" she asked. After some discussion, the small boy got his book.

That happened some years ago. The lady behind the desk was Nancy Knight, who is now co - ordinator of Children's Services for all 14 libraries in North York. "It's nice to know he felt he could ask that," Mrs. Knight says as she recalls the story. "And it's even nicer to know that he expected an answer."

Providing a happy atmosphere where children feel at home and where each child feels important as a person --that's the philosophy behind children's rooms in each North York Library.

Ten - year - old Rivkah Aryeh of Coldstream Avenue is a library veteran who says she's been coming to the library "for years." She and her friends take the bus after school on Wednesdays and go down to Bathurst Heights library. There Rivkah enjoys an Origami class and looks around for books for her school projects and "just plain reading."

Kevin Faibish of Hotspur Avenue has a heavy schedule on Wednesdays. From school, he goes to the library and then on to Cubs.

Unlike many stores, where children take second place to adults, in the children's rooms they are all treated as equals. In these free and easy surroundings the children feel free to browse, look at displays or ask for help.

Over the past 10 years there has been, Mrs. Knight estimates, a 300 to 400 per cent increase in the number of subject areas covered in children's books. That has meant an enormous increase in the number of books for young readers to choose from and, you might think, increasing confusion when they try to find something they would like.

"Fiction books are arranged by interest, and they are not grouped according to grades," Mrs. Knight explains. "Non-fiction books are grouped in traditional subject areas, and these too are ungraded."

This means that if a child is interested in animal stories, he simply goes to the "Animal stories" section on the fiction shelves. There he can find stories about animals for children of all ages.

The system has several advantages, Mrs. Knight says. A shy child needs only to be steered in the right direction and can then browse around by himself, asking questions as he begins to feel more at home. And a child who's reading level is below his average grade level is not embarrassed at choosing 'younger' books, because all levels are mixed together.

One section is called "Here and Now," usually referred to as "Now" books. It was created for a very special reason. "Children are much more sophisticated than they used to be," Mrs. Knight says, "and like adults, they are demanding more reality in the stories they read."

"Now" books are very popular, according to Ann Keller, in charge of Willowdale Children's Room. "Children want stories about other children who are facing the same problems they are facing: problems at home, at school or with their friends," Miss Keller says.

"We also feel that it's part of each child's heritage to handle beautiful books; books that are beautifully illustrated, printed and bound," Mrs. Knight says.

Day of dilettante volunteer is gone, says Mrs. McGibbon

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO–
That it is still "in" to be a volunteer came through loud and clear at last week's annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of New Mount Sinai Hospital.

"The day of the dilettante, the do-gooder, the lady bountiful is gone," said guest speaker Dr. Pauline McGibbon, who as chancellor of the University of Toronto and chairman of the board of governors of Women's College Hospital is the epitome of the volunteer to the highest degree.

"The volunteer must approach her work seriously, conscientously -- in other words -- like a professional," she added.

Describing the work of the volunteer as the "power of one," Dr. McGibbon told members of the NMSH auxiliary that they play an important role in creating the picture of the hospital as a warm, concerned institution.

"You humanize it," she said. "So much of the auxiliary's work is with the public--you greet them as incoming patients, as hospitalized patients or visitors within the hospital. By your innovative money - raising, you interest the public outside the hospital."

And if a run-down of the organization's activities of the past year could be considered proof enough--how right she is!

Rae Bookman, culminating her two-year term as auxiliary president, reported that more than 20 programs and hospital services were provided--and that entails a lot of fund-raising!

She announced the inauguration of the two new bursaries; the Neo-Natal Bursary ($1,000) to assist the study of high-risk infants and the Educational Bursary ($5,000) to assist in further study of new techniques by hospital staff. And in addition, Mrs. Bookman presented a cheque to Chairman of the Board Bertrand Gertstein in the amount of $110,000 as final payment of the auxiliary's $500,000 towards the building of the new hospital.

Libby Hoffman was elected to succeed Mrs. Bookman as president for the next two years.

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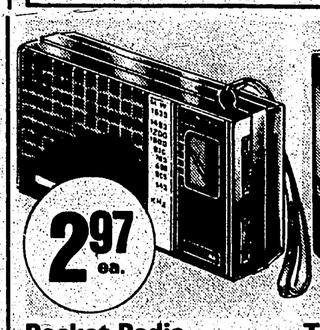

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Hospital board faces non-Jewish majority

By SUSAN LAZARUS
MONTREAL–

A non-Jewish majority on the board of directors of the Jewish General Hospital is now possible under Bill 65, the government's reorganization of health and social services in Quebec.

Speaking at the 39th annual meeting of the JGH last week in the Block Amphitheatre of the hospital, President Arthur Pascal said it is important a responsible Jewish majority always be maintained on the board of directors in order to prevent Jewish values from being eroded.

Under the new bill, which became effective Jan. 1, only four members of the 14-man board may represent the "Corporation of the Jewish General Hospital." Two others on the board will represent socio - economic groups, and the rest will be drawn from medical professionals, former patients and non-medical staff.

Pascal emphasized, however, that concern does not mean panic, and the role of the community in running the hospital is still large: "While the authority and autonomy... of the Jewish General Hospital has been greatly narrowed with the resultant limitation in the making of decisions, there still remains a large role in administration by virtue of the election of four members to the new board.

"It is our hope and expectation that, in the appointment of the two members from the socio - economic groups, the government will recognize the unique position of our hospital in the community and the role it plays in Jewish life and culture."

Pascal expressed pride in the ethnic roots from which the hospital grew and feels confident the new board will protect the concepts which were fostered from the inception of the hospital.

He emphasized people are still free to choose their own hospital. This is important for those religious Jews following Kashruth, to which the JGH has always strictly adhered.

Another result of the reorganization of Quebec's hospital structure is the Jewish General Hospital's designation as one of the maternity centres in the west end of the city.

Dr. William Slatkoff, the hospital's executive director, said the hospital received a letter from the Quebec government informing them of the designation.

"Because of the reorganization of health care in the province," said Dr. Slatkoff, "and the projected closing of certain maternity facilities in the west end of Montreal, it is anticipated that, more than ever, the Jewish General Hospital will be called upon to provide maternity services."

One of the main maternity facilities, the Catherine Booth Hospital, will close its doors permanently in October.

Prominent community leaders and educators who participated in the recent bible contests awards ceremony are (from left): Alexander Brown, associate director, Board of Jewish Education; Robert Eisen, president, Midrasha L'Morim; Sol Cantor, president, Upper Canada Lodge B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education; Edmond Lipsitz, director, Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region; Ralph Shiff, chairman, Jewish Public Library and Sheldon Luftspring and Sheldon Glass of Leonard Mayzel Lodge, BB.

Refuses to attack husband

LONDON (JCNS)–

Mrs. Feiga Shkolnik, has steadfastly resisted pressure from a Vinnitsa Communist Party official to condemn her husband, Itzhak, publicly, writes the JCNS East European correspondent.

Itzhak Shkolnik, a 36-year-old fitter, was sentenced by a military court last month to 10 years' detention in a strict-regime labor camp and confiscation of property on charges of espionage for Israel.

In Moscow, the authroities have issued military call-up notices to 13 Jews living in the capital, including Yevgeny Levich, who is ill. He is the son of Professor Benjamin Levich, a member of the Soviet Academy of Science demoted to a very junior post for applying to emigrate to Israel.

In Leningrad, Dr. Leonid Tarassuk, dismissed from a senior post at the Hermitage Museum when he applied to emigrate, also received a call-up notice.

Soviet Jews commemorated the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and Holocaust Day on Sunday. In Moscow, some 50 men recited Kaddish in the synagogue and outside, at the commemorative service which was attended by Rabbi Yaacov Fishman, the Moscow chief rabbi.

In the Ukraine, several hundred Jews gathered at Babi Yar, the ravine outside Kiev where the Nazis massacred thousands of Jews in 1941.

Cultural foundation

Graduates garner awards

TORONTO–

Fourteen Canadian students have been awarded scholarship grants and a grant-in-aid from the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture to assist them in completing their post - graduate studies of Jewish subjects.

The grants were donated by individuals in Hamilton, Toronto, and the Windsor and Calgary Jewish Community Councils. In announcing the 1973 scholarships, foundation President Nathan Silver said the growing number of Jewish study courses at Canadian universities make it imperative Canadian scholars be given every encouragement to pursue these studies for academic careers in these institutions.

Sarah Allbright, presently at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Arthur Richard Grant, University of Toronto; Carol Sue Holzberg, presently at Boston University; Aaron L. Katchen, University of Toronto and Harvard University; Zoltan Kemeny, Harvard University; Jack Mark Kugelmass, New School of Social Research and Yiddish Scientific Institute; Lionell Elliostt Moses, University of Toronto; Agnes Romer, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Lorne Segal, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Asher Wilsher, University of Ottawa; Aaron S. Lewin, Harvard University; Jack Nathan Lightstone, Brown University; and, Stephen A. Speisman, University of Toronto.

In addition, a grant-in-aid has been approved to Sholem Shtern of Montreal.

Israel receives awards for jets, Arava planes

JERUSALEM (JCNS)–

Israel Aircraft Industries has received orders for eight of the military version of the Arava short take-off and landing aircraft at a cost of about $200,000 each, and 11 Commodore executive jet aircraft, renamed the 1123 Westwind.

The Mexican Air Force has bought five Aravas for rescue operations. Each will be equipped with 16 stretchers and carry three doctors. Two of the remaining three turbo - prop Aravas sold by IAI are going to another Latin American country.

Of the eight Westwinds sold to the United States, one will be used by the Coast Guard and the others for carrying passengers and mail. One Westwind has been bought by Mexico and the remaining two by European countries.

Negotiations continue, apparently with charter companies, for the sale of another five reconditioned Boeing 707 jet aircraft which IAI acquired from Trans World Airlines two years ago.

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Oil is thicker than Jewish blood, says UJA-ISF leader, Stern

TORONTO–

Jews have always been alone in the world and will likely remain alone, declared Izy Stern last week as he urged maximum support for the 1973 United Jewish Appeal - Israel Special Fund campaign.

Stern, chairman of the Synagogues, Organizations and Societies division of the campaign, said "we know that we don't have many friends in the non - Jewish world. This was proven to us in the United Nations when Israel was condemned for the accidental downing of a Libyan airliner."

Commenting that "oil is thicker than Jewish blood," Stern noted that when the United Nations vote was taken "some of our so-called friends abstained. But what do these abstentions mean? It means filling your mouth with water and becoming speechless before swallowing. It also means we cannot depend upon any other friendship except our own."

Stern said he was perturbed by a report from the conference of world Jewish communities, held in Switzerland, regarding the problem of anti-Semitism. "I started to shiver when I heard that report," he said, "because it stated that anti-Semitism is spreading throughout the world at a faster pace than during the 30s."

He stated that during the Yizkor Service on the final day of Passover, "we heard sobbing and saw tears flow when the cantor recited a special prayer for the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust. Are these tears the last tears? I don't believe so."

Izy Stern

Expressing some doubt as to the future of Jews in the Diaspora, Stern said that the Jewish people everywhere need a strong Israel, "which means we have to give a lot of money -- non-returnable gifts."

He said the 1973 campaign goal of $10,450,000 must be achieved "in view of the fact that we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of Israel and the independence of world Jewry. Millions of Jews did not live to see a Jewish state, let alone a 25th anniversary. So while celebrating this happy event think about what you have done to make this celebration possible. Examine your gifts to the UJA and ask yourself: 'Is it enough?'

Turning to local needs, Stern said that another important issue of great concern is the continuity of Jewish life through Jewish education. "Jewish education costs run high," he said. "But we know that a child must not be sent home just because the tuition cannot be paid."

He said all the Jewish schools run with deficits and many of them rely heavily on the United Jewish Welfare Fund--which is funded by the UJA—to keep them going. Allocations for Jewish education run well over a million dollars, he said.

Dayenu 'not enough' --should include creation of Israeli state: Meron says

By MIRIAM HERMAN
TORONTO–

The Passover prayer, Dayenu, should be revised and updated to take into account the creation of the state of Israel, suggests Israel's Ambassador to Canada Theodor Meron.

In his address at Holy Blossom Temple last weekend, culminating a week-long observance of Israel's 25th anniversary, he told about 800 persons: "We have to be thankful for the Exodus, the Torah, and Israel."

Theodor Meron

Meron pointed out that from a state that was born poor, unrecognized and friendless (except for Jews), Israel has become a member of the family of nations, with one of the highest rates of economic growth.

"From a state that had to import almost all its food, Israel has become a prime exporter of agricultural products. From an entity that had to fight with primitive weaponry, Israel has become a country with the finest military force and equipment."

He continued: "But despite the external threats and the necessity to fight, Israel has not become a Prussian-like militaristic state. Israel fosters creativity, the arts, technology and medicine. Her spiritual dimension is a vital one."

Meron said that Israel's future lies in people and technology. The technology gap between Israel and its neighbors exists and is growing--it apparently takes 100 Arabs to produce the science and technology produced by one Israeli.

And despite the innumerable blessings for which to be thankful, there are ardent dreams yet to be fulfilled--the desire for peace, the quest for equality as individuals and as a nation, the dream of economic independence and the liberation of Jews in the Soviet Union and the Arab countries.

Meron concluded with the hope that, with continued cooperation, Israel will see the fulfilment of those dreams at the celebration of the golden anniversary--Dayenu.

JIAS' Poch receives awards for his unselfish efforts

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter
TORONTO–

Two surprise awards were made Sunday to Louis Poch, executive director of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, Central Region, at its 54th annual meeting held at the Torah Emeth Jewish Centre.

The first was for Poch's "unselfish efforts" on completion of 25 years of service, awarded on behalf of JIAS' board members, and the other recognized "his special interest in the welfare of North African Jews in Toronto." The latter presentation was made by a representative of Moroccan Jewish immigrants helped by the agency. Thirty-two families were assisted last year.

A capacity crowd at the dinner also heard Thomas Eberlee, Ontario deputy minister of community and social services, who said, "the well-being of new immigrants of all nationalities is the major concern of the citizenship branch of the ministry.

"But when it comes down to on - going assistance on daily problems at the local community level, our ministry must, out of necessity, take a back seat to agencies such as yours."

Eberlee also cited encouraging steps taken recently by the government to counteract bias in Ontario textbooks, discrimination in the labor field and amendments to the Human Rights Code expanding the definition of discrimination related to housing and prohibiting discrimination in memberships within self - governing professions.

"I feel we could offer a more total package of multi-cultural, multi-lingual services," he said, "by centralizing into local centres, or units, such as Toronto's new Welcome House."

Another speaker at the event, out - going President Morris Adams, described the situation of many of the world's Jews, saying "there is still so much work to do until all Jews can live in dignity in the land of their choice."

He stressed JIAS' social services are "dedicated to the principle of self-help; this is the highest form of charity."

In addition, the meeting elected Joseph Starkman as president for 1973, Charles Kent and Joseph Casse as vice - presidents and Dr. Henry Fenigstein as treasurer.

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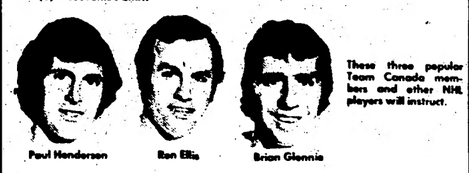

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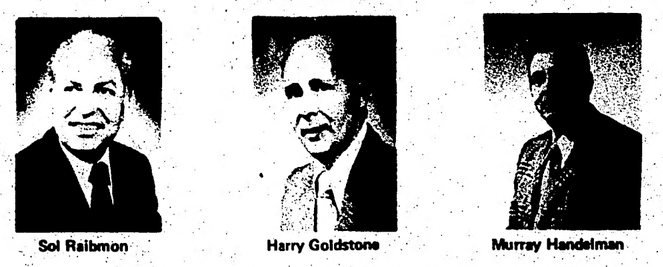

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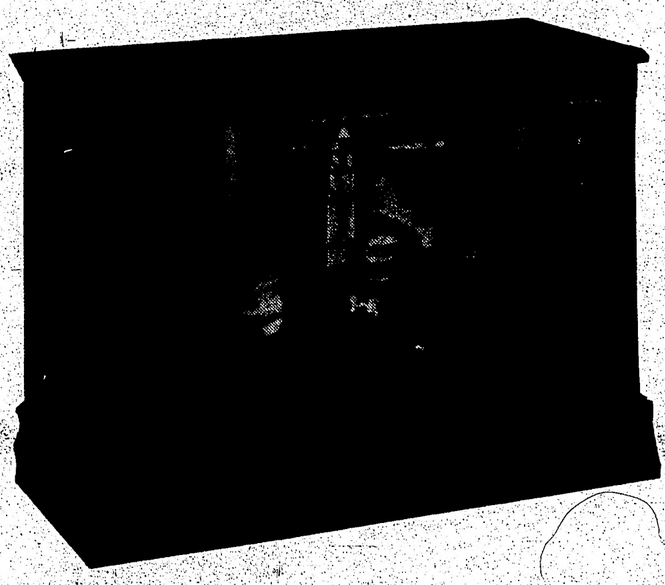

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Haganah hero conquers yeshiva syndrome

These yeshiva students are engrossed in Talmud--but only for half a day. The other half they spend learning electronics and electricity at Yad Benyamin, a unique Israeli educational institution, where Torah learning and trade are combined.

By DOROTHY LIPOVENKO
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO–

Beret perched jauntily to the side, bearded, Captain Issacher Greisman, with his heavy - set shoulders looks more like a painter from the Riviera than a hero of the Haganah and a yeshiva official.

Ten years ago, this Talmudist and champion marksman established in Israel a unique educational centre, Yad Benyamin, which provides Orthodox students with an opportunity to study Torah and learn a trade. As Captain Greisman sees it -- it's two sides of the same coin--to build up Torah and a trained Jew.

"Yad Benyamin has one task--to combine Jewish living with a good, modern trade," he explained.

Located in the Nahal Sorek district in the Latrun region, the vocational yeshiva consists of school buildings, laboratories and living quarters not only for its students but for the teaching staff. "We don't want the teacher to give a 'shiur' and then go. Having the staff live on the premises allows them to contribute to the atmosphere... to Shabbos," said Captain Greisman.

Students are taught general electricity, electronics and airforce electricity. After completing the first year of the three-year program, a student has the option of choosing which field he wants to specialize in. After graduation, all students enter the defence forces, where they put their practical skills to use in the air force.

"At the beginning, we had problems with the army, with Kashruth and Shabbat. For a boy to go into the army alone, it is very hard... it really is 'Al Kiddush Hashem.' But we settled with the army, and the boys only go in groups and work together in the air force.

"Army officials want the boys to remain beyond their required time because they are very knowledgeable in such an important field and they are serious."

Captain Greisman is in Toronto to raise funds for Yad Benyamin. Tall, tanned, and with an infectious smile, he is a pioneer kibbutznik. Thirty - five years ago, he emigrated to Israel from Germany. He was one of the founders of Kibbutz Hafetz Chaim, where one can still find him kicking around a soccer ball. In the 1948 War of Independence, he injected in the army a dose of 'yiddishkeit,' leading a military unit in '48 that was mostly composed of religious youth.

In 1963, he started Yad Benyamin with 30 students. He is planning to bring in another 100 soon to add to the present 200 pupils.

The two most pressing needs he says, are more scholarship funds and money to build extra rooms in the dormitory. The Israeli government subsidizes one-third of the total cost of each student ($900), with the student paying $300 and the rest comes from donations and grants.

"We never turn away a student who cannot afford to pay," said Captain Greisman.

Nine Russian students are at the yeshiva, and special efforts are being made to accommodate them. "In general studies, they are fine," said the captain, "but in Jewish studies, they are behind, and are being given extra 'shiurim.' There are only a few North American students, because to know the language is one thing, but to learn mathematics in Hebrew is another."

There is also a yeshiva preparatory school for 14-year-olds where pupils study for two years and are prepared for their vocational studies.

"We feel that a 14-year-old cannot learn Torah and study electronics at the same time. It is too much. At 16, they are better prepared," said Captain Greisman. "They learn half a day and the other half they study their trade."

When their army duty is finished, students can take up residence at Modiim, a recently - established industrial kibbutz in the Latrun area, where they manufacture electrical and electronic parts for the army and for export.

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Sports, friendship help children at special camp

By BARBARA ETCOVITCH

MONTREAL–

Mrs. Suzanne Lieberman spoke calmly in her comfortable living room. Eleven-year - old Jeffrey, a slow learner, sat before her eager to tell his own special story.

"I have complete confidence in the program," she said. "If it is what is needed, then I want Jeffrey to have it. I want him to be happy, to be able to cope."

Jeffrey was one of several campers who were part of the special four - week program at Camp Wooden Acres last summer, specially designed to help the child who has a learning disability.

"Exercise is very important," Mrs. Lieberman explained. "He should get the exercise he lacks and he gets this from the many sports offered at the camp."

Jeffrey could no longer sit quietly, and he promptly volunteered a long list of exciting activities in which he participated last summer.

"There was swimming, canoeing, boating, tennis, football, soccer, hockey, and my favorite, baseball.

"The camp is marvelous, you meet a lot of nice kids. You have a lot of fun with your bunks. You go on hikes. We will visit Camp B'nai B'rith this year."

"Jeffrey had a good summer," Mrs. Lieberman said. "The counsellors were extremely co-operative and the social worker was very pleased with his progress. Most important of all, he was happy and excited when he returned home. I wish that he could attend the camp for the entire term of two months."

Jeffrey added: "The counsellors are there to help us all. We had a big list of words in our bunk to help us write letters to our parents."

Jeffrey Lieberman

Mrs. Ethel Phillips, camp registrar, tells of the aims of the program for children with learning difficulties: "Our aim is to give these children an opportunity to attend camp since they would not be able to do so in a regular summer camp.

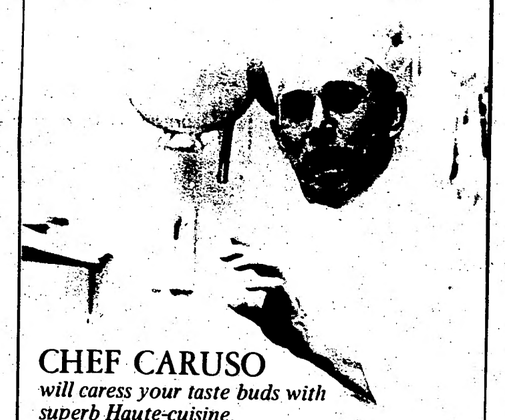
"We have two specialized counsellors to every six campers and each child in the section is well looked after."

Jeffrey, as part of the Willow A section of Wooden Acres, was very well cared for, and his memories of last summer were vivid.

"There was popcorn, marshmallows, bonfires, treasure hunts, candle making, and plays. The bunks were nice but oh, were the showers small," he declared.

"I'm looking forward to going back this summer, but boy, if they don't have a television... I really miss television. I miss the baseball games."

But Jeffrey is thinking about a solution to this problem. "I might bring a radio with me to keep in the bunk so that I can at least hear the games," he said.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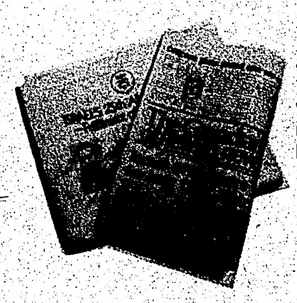

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New Lebanese regime aims to assert her sovereignty

LONDON (JCNS)-

The Lebanese President Suleiman Franjieh, a Christian, together with most ministers, seems determined to assert government rule and sovereignty in the country, in contrast to the outgoing Premier Amin Hafez, a Moslem, writes Atallah Mansour.

The tough lines now being taken with the Palestinians is similar to that adopted earlier by Syria, Egypt and Jordan, which have never allowed the Palestinians any political freedom on their territories.

The Palestinians themselves are far from united and they have no feeling of gratitude for their host country even before the fighting began inside Lebanon last week. Indeed, while they are polite and courteous to Egypt and Syria, which limit and control their activities, they have always shown scant respect or restraint as far as Lebanon is concerned.

As for the Lebanese army, under its commander - in - chief, General Iskander Ghanem, it was only too pleased to try and recover the authority and prestige it had lost during the past five years of Palestinian activity against Israel from Lebanese soil and Israel's reprisal operations. However, Lebanon, unlike other Arab countries, is not overwhelmingly Moslem.

There is a precarious balance of power between Moslems and Christians. In addition, the political system in Lebanon is different from that in Jordan, which crushed the Palestinian extremists on her territory in the civil war of September, 1970.

It is not likely that the Syrians will intervene, as they did in 1958, resulting in the Americans putting troops ashore at Beirut and resolving the crisis. As in September, 1970, the Syrians are mindful of the fact that the Israelis would not welcome the presence of Syrian--or Egyptian or Iraqi--troops on the Lebanese side of their northern border.

Egypt is not in a position to establish a presence in Lebanon and is likely to confine herself to efforts at mediation and the exertion of pressure on both sides to exercise restraint.

The rich conservative Arab countries are likely to express disapproval of Lebanon's new policy towards the Palestinians and even channel some funds to them. However, wealthy Arab states are unlikely to be displeased if the Lebanese confine themselves to curbing the Leftist Popular Front and Popular Democratic Front. These two groups are resented by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya ever more than the Lebanese.

Thus, the real danger to Lebanon stems from within the ranks of her own people, namely some Moslems and left wing Christians who have expressed support for the Palestinians in the past. It is an open question, though, whether they would turn from vocal support alone to physical action and rebellion against the state.

Any ceasefire that may be brought about between the Palestinians and the Lebanese authorities can only be temporary. For a regime which has to choose between asserting its authority or caving in to anarchy, there is only one choice.

It's Lag B'Omer this Sunday, and it will culminate in the rape of the lock for this little Israeli youngster who will celebrate his third birthday. It is also customary to ascend the grave of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yorchiex on this day. (Photo by Jacob El Baz)

Alleged anti-Jewish film arouses much indignation

TEL AVIV (JTA)-

Jewish circles in the Soviet Union were reported to be seriously worried over a documentary film titled **Beware: Zionism!** which was screened privately in Moscow recently and is allegedly anti-Jewish in content.

According to the reports reaching here, word of the film has spread through artistic circles in the Soviet capital and has aroused indignation even among non-Jews. One was quoted as saying that the film would drive out of Russia those Jews who want to remain. Jewish circles in Moscow fear that the film, by the well - known director Yuri Karpov, is the beginning of a new anti-Jewish, anti - Zionist propaganda offensive by Soviet authorities. The 90-minute film depicts the Czechoslovakian crisis of 1968 as "Zionist provocation" and describes Alexander Dubcek, who was then the Czech Communist Party leader, as a captive of the Zionists.

The film also recalls an early chapter of Bolshevik history. It notes that the woman who shot and wounded Lenin was Dora Kaplan, a Jew. In the past she had always been referred to simply as a member of the Socialist Revolutionary Party. The film also alleges that Leon Trotsky and Alexander Krenesky, both Jews, were in contact with the Zionists.

Arab leaders are urged to start negotiations

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

Speaking in Arabic on television, Abba Eban, the Israeli foreign minister, appealed to President Sadat of Egypt to enter the road of negotiation, which "is not a static affair" but a process which could lead both parties in the Middle East dispute towards a "point of encounter and compromise."

"Negotiation is not dictation or degradation and it is not capitulation," he said in an Independence Day address on Israel's Arabic television service. Eban said that negotiation "is an expression of honorable free will of the two sides." It was "not bargaining over rights but a joint search for a path and an attempt to find a just and honorable solution -- just and honorable without exception."

The foreign minister told Palestinians that there could not be peace without a solution to all regional problems, including theirs. "But," he declared, "there could be no solution to your problem without peace... without Israeli independence... and security. Those who preach the obliteration of Israel are in practice causing your problem to persist and cultivating illusions among a part of you."

More than anyone else, the Palestinians were obliged to be interested in negotiations, Eban said. "For the success of negotiations will guarantee your complete welfare and honor and opportunity. Most of you plan your future within the Arab framework and with continued contacts and links with Israel."

Pilots 'clumsy'

PARIS (JCNS)-

"Clumsy" pilots have damaged three of the Mirage jets supplied to Libya by France, according to the authoritative French daily, Le Monde. The paper also said the training of Libyans as maintenance personnel had been slowed down.

Also, the French firm of Dessault, which manufactures the Mirage, had reduced the flow of spare parts and equipment needed to keep the aircraft operational, according to the paper, although production of the 40 or 50 Mirages still to be delivered to Libya under the terms of an order for 110 placed at the end of 1969 is on schedule.

Meanwhile, American government sources confirmed to your correspondent that 18 Libyan Mirages were still in Egypt at the end of last week. This confirmation follows protests to France by Israel at the transfer of Libyan Mirages to Egypt. France proclaimed in 1967 that she would not supply any weapons to so - called "battlefield countries," enabling her to refuse to hand over to the Israelis 50 Mirages ordered and already paid for by Israel.

Israeli roses scent spirit of 25th in Paris

PARIS (JTA)-

Parisians were treated recently to a free distribution of thousands of Israeli-grown roses as hundreds of members of local Jewish youth organizations handed out the flowers to mark Israel's 25th anniversary.

The Jewish youths walked along the streets handing out the roses to surprised passersby. "This is a different side of Israel you propose to us," said one delighted passerby when presented with one of the flowers along the Champs Elysees. Thousands of Parisians accepted the flowers with thanks stressing that it was a useful reminder that Israel is not only a country of soldiers.

The participants in the distribution were joined by hundreds of other members of the youth organizations to hold a special picnic in the centre of Paris' Bohemian area, St. Germain de Pres. Bonfires and Israeli horas brought an Israeli note to what is normally a typical Paris square.

Ben-Gurion alters view on territories

TEL AVIV (JTA)-

Former Premier David Ben - Gurion says he has changed his mind about returning most of the administered Arab territories in exchange for peace. The 86-year - old elder statesman said in an interview published in the **Jerusalem Post** that after the Six Day War, he favored giving back all of the territories except east Jerusalem and the Golan Heights if the Arabs agreed to make peace with Israel.

"But peace has not come to this day. They don't want to make peace with us," he said. He said he now favored Jewish settlement on the West Bank. "Israelis should settle on every part of the land" but "not by displacing Arabs."

He reminded Israelis, who now regard the Soviet Union as an enemy of Israel, the USSR was a major factor in Israel's defeat of the Arabs in the War of Independence in 1948.

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Tourism centennial harks back to the nostalgic past

MONTICELLO, N.Y.–

Memorial Day weekend is always a special occasion in the Sullivan County Catskills of New York, holding as it does anticipation of the forthcoming summer season. But along with thoughts of the future, there will be a strong accent on the past in Callicoon, a tiny Upper Delaware River hamlet, on Saturday, May 26. A steam train will thunder once more along the Erie-Lackawanna tracks which bisect the community.

By happy coincidence, this nostalgic re-creation of what many people feel was a far better time comes during Sullivan County's official observance of its first 100 years of tourism, which began with the completion of its internal railroad, the old New York and Oswego Midland, in the summer of 1873.

One hundred years later, former Reading Railway locomotive 2102, the last of the Northern - type 4-8-4's still operative in the U.S., will make an hour's layover in Callicoon, starting at 1 p.m. on the 26th, to take on coal and water. With her visit, the pages of history will be rolled back to an era when Callicoon was a vital passenger station serving the early resorts and boarding-houses of this famed recreational area in southeastern New York.

"Ole" 2102 will be hauling air conditioned, reclining-seat coaches, a dining car with full services; a heavy - weight pullman car with eight sections and five drawing rooms; and an open-air car from which passengers can snap pictures of the lovely scenery.

Railroad bluffs from every corner of the country have long since snapped up every available seat for the ride, billed as "a springtime steam spectacular to bid farewell to 2102." Thousands of visitors are expected to visit Callicoon for a close - up view of the train during her layover, en route to Binghamton, New York and Scranton, Pa., from Hoboken, N.J. In 1970, when another excursion for railroad buffs came to Callicoon, more than 6,000 spectators converged on the Erie Station.

Spirituality, coming of age marks Israel bar mitzvah

JERUSALEM–

The relationship between Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora is a special one. Nowhere is the uniqueness of the relationship more evident than when Jewish youth from abroad celebrate their bar mitzvah in Israel.

From the United States, Canada, South America, South Africa, Australia, England, France -- almost every Jewish community in the world has seen one of its sons called to the Torah in Israel for his bar mitzvah. Proud parents, relatives, and friends stand nearby and listen as the young man chants the weekly parsha (portion from the Torah and the Haphtorah portion from the Prophets). For all, it is a truly moving event that testifies to the enduring bond between Jews and the eternal continuity of Judaism.

The ceremony may be held in any city in Israel and in any Orthodox synagogue or in a Reform or Conservative temple, according to one's affiliation. Since the Six Day War and the reunification of Jerusalem, hundreds of young men have pledged themselves to realize their duties as adult Jews before the Western Wall. Others have been called to the Torah in one of the reconstructed synagogues of the Jewish quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem. Many young men have held their bar mitzvah at Massada, the site of the Jews' heroic defence against the Romans. Carrying a Torah, they and those accompanying them walked up the side of the fortress singing hymns of joy.

All the boys who have their bar mitzvah in Israel and of whom the Israel ministry is cognizant, are met at Lod airport by ministry officials. Later, at a ceremony at the ministry, the boys receive a certificate and a silk tallis. The young men also have the opportunity to plant a tree in a specially created Bnei Mitzvah Forest in the hills of Jerusalem. If the bar mitzvah is held in Jerusalem, the boy receives a special lapel pin, a gift from the mayor of the city.

There are probably as many different reasons for celebrating one's bar mitzvah in Israel as there are boys. Some feel that a bar mitzvah provides an excellent opportunity to tour the country. Others may feel very strongly about the centrality of Israel to their lives. Some simply dislike the extravaganzas into which many bar mitzvah ceremonies have evolved. They think that the money would be better and more meaningfully spent on a modest, simple ceremony in Israel. Whatever the reason, a bar mitzvah in Israel is something special, a truly significant event in a young man's life.

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Berger urges more aid from community

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL—

Montreal's most critical need today is to gear the community to provide much greater funds through the Combined Jewish Appeal, stated Monty Berger, president of Allied Jewish Community Services in an annual meeting report that marked the end of his two-year term of office.

Berger emphasized that during the last two years, despite good campaign attention with AJCS during the last two years.

Berger said the government will not support all AJCS programming, and as a result, the only alternative is to recognize the priority of the campaign since the community cannot provide the services without having the funds to support them.

"This community, starting with this 1973 Combined Jewish Appeal, is going to have to think in new and much bigger terms of giving. There is no alternative."

Berger reviewed the activities of the 125,000 - member health, welfare and cultural organization in the previous year, saying $100,000 was allocated to ease the strain on the Jewish poor. The expenditure was recommended by conference participants in the 1972 annual meeting.

He also reported funds were allocated, for the first time, to the Joint Committee on Jewish Education, with $55,000 being invested in the Jewish teachers program at McGill University.

Last year's conference, he added, felt the over-riding long-term priority of the community remains in the area of Jewish education as well as other programs designed to strengthen Jewish identity.

At the communal conference, the Samuel Bronfman Medal for outstanding community service was presented to Moe Levitt while the annual community service award to an outstanding agency was presented to the Jewish Nursing Home.

This year's Barkoff Leadership Awards were presented to Susan Levine, chairman of the AJCS Women's Federation Education Committee, and Phil Shaposnick, president of the Golden Age Association.

Monty Berger

tainments, "we have found ourselves digging into our reserves for the funds necessary to maintain a minimum program of services.

"Obviously we can't go on doing that," he said. "Our reserves are limited."

The town hall - type meeting attracted more than 650 participants who engaged in round table discussions to analyze government funding and its implications for the Jewish community, as a result of health and social services Bill 65.

Participants first listened to a report written by Social Affairs Minister Claude Castonguay but delivered by Assistant Deputy Minister Aubert Ouellet, an official, who has had close associa-

Moe Levitt (right) accepts the Samuel Bronfman Medal for outstanding community service from Allan Bonfman. The annual award is Montreal's most prestigious symbol to mark an outstanding career of a community worker. (Howard Kay Photo)

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Observer article annoys B'nai B'rith

to them to use, or at least to permit our wealth and power to be used, to keep the little men of the world in their humble place."

"Most likely what was written," Maislin said, "was written before the signing of the agreement. The way he criticizes he tells both sides but emphasizes their side a great deal more.

"Why does he not tell about the depressed areas in the Egyptian world that do not have to do with Israel or the Western world?" he said.

When contacted by **The CJN**, Rev. George Morrison, United Church of Canada General Council secretary, said, "we didn't say we would no longer be critical of one another's communities. In no way are we (McLeod and I) going to stifle justifiable criticism.

"Because of the agreement, we are not going to start a completely passive approach to one another," he added.

United Church Moderator Rev. Bruce McLeod agreed, saying, "I don't think the article is relative to the peace agreement. The agreement is not indicative that all points of difference had been solved but that all points of difference would be met with mutual understanding.

"The writer of the article, whoever he is, is entitled to make these points."

Other B'nai B'rith leaders seem divided in their reaction. "To focus on these points of abrasion at this point... Give us a chance to do something positive and I think it will show up in **The Observer**, the pulpits and elsewhere," said Louis Ronson, BB district court chief justice and League for Human Rights commissioner.

While Ronson said the article indicates a fairer presentation of Forrest's views than in the past, he declined further comment which he feared would harm "the building of a reservoir of good will between BB and the church so that we have allies in times of need."

"I see nothing in it," said BB Executive Vice - President Herbert S. Levy, "which would do violence to the agreement." He added, however, there was "an inadvertent omission of the injustices to Jewry in Europe and the rest of the world" in the article.

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Businessmen head for Israel

Calvin Gotlieb, professor of the Institute of Computer Science, University of Toronto, who is chairman of the international committee on computers and also permanent chairman of the Israel committee on computers which meets annually.

Robert Kaplan, former Liberal MP, who now serves as an advisor to Prime Minister Trudeau, is a member of the finance and investments group.

Impetus to growth of trade between Canada and Israel was given last year when the Canada Export Development Corporation made available to Israel $100 million long term credit for the purchase of goods manufactured in Canada. More than $34 million has already been spent or has been earmarked for expenditure. Israel will purchase airport and railway equipment for an initial outlay of $10 million and $24.6 million will be spent in acquiring machinery for electric power stations at Eshkol.

The conference opens May 27 with an address by Prime Minister Golda Meir. It continues until May 31. The delegates will divide into 15 professional committees. Each committee's agenda will include discussions, visits to plants and research institutions and visits to a trade exhibition. Special time will be alloted to private business meetings with Israeli counterparts.

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Eban visits Canada

ican policy in this matter.

Asked by a reporter if he thought worldwide anti - Semitism was on the rise, Eban replied: "I don't feel it is, but I don't spend much time being preoccupied with the question. Israel was born to remove the Jewish people from external caprice and to put the destiny of the Jewish people under our command."

The foreign minister told the newsmen that much anti-Semitic literature, including **Mein Kampf**, is being widely distributed in Cairo and throughout Syria and Iraq.

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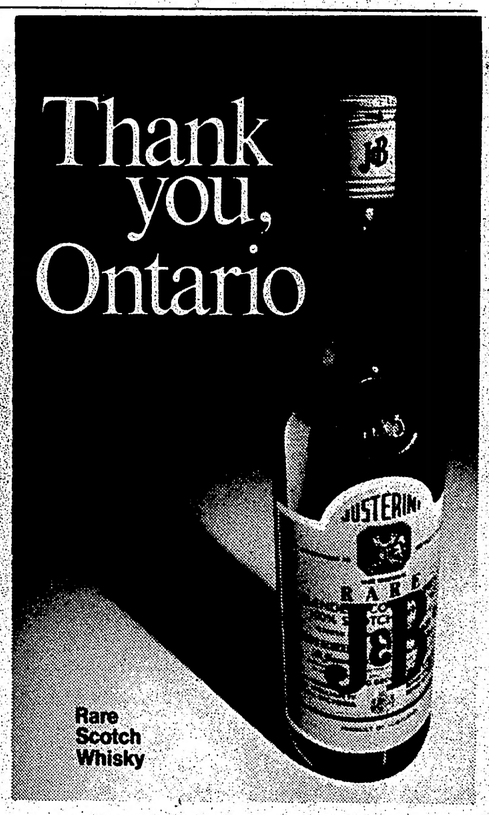
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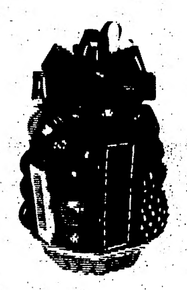
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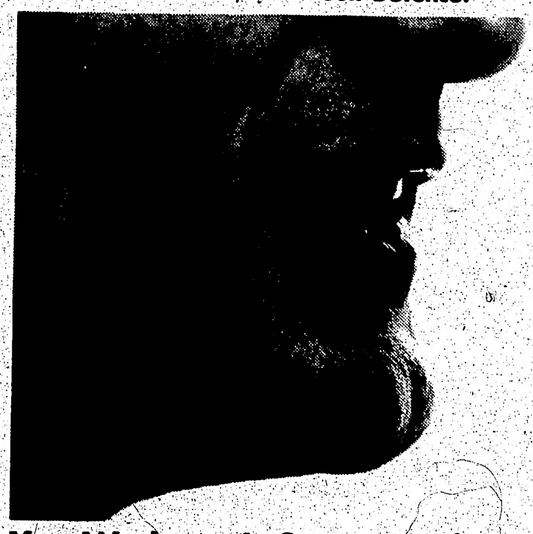
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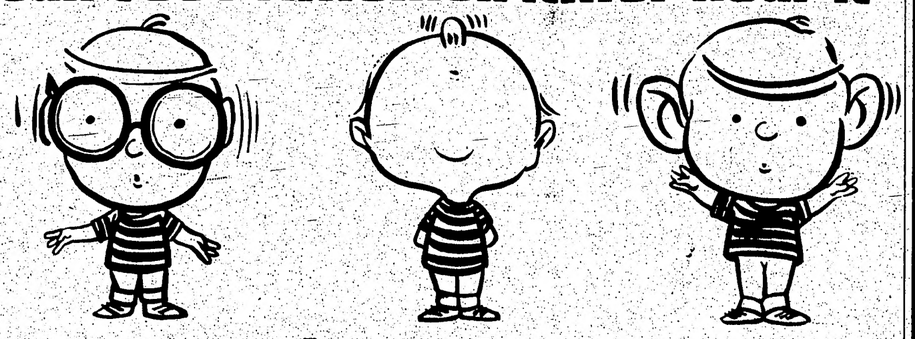
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Beth Tikvah Congregation was the scene of a lively concert by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. (Gadi Hoz Photo)

Dancing in auditorium

Wild response for Carlebach

music review

By RICK KARDONNE

"We have everything in the kitchen and very little on the menu." That's how the singing Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach describes the present Jewish role in North American entertainment.

He wants to change this immediately. In the near future he hopes to see Jewish record executives and producers, who up until now have been so eager to promote everybody else except Jews, now enable Neshamah to take its rightful place in the sun.

The scion of the famous Chassidic Carlebach dynasty also advocates some fairly drastic changes in North American Judaism as a whole; changes that will allow Judaism to become more truly Jewish; changes not in theology but in the ways Jews look at each other. He believes that most synagogues of today have become mechanized institutions devoted more to worshipping the golden calf than to worshipping God. This is what has turned off the vast majority of the younger Jewish generation, he said. Young people seek sincere religious fervor and shun phoniness.

Rabbi Carlebach wants synagogues to be small, intimate, loving, spontaneous, and thenceforth truly religious. This is the true Jewish spirit, which is compatible to what idealistic youth is seeking from life. Putting his ideas into practice, Shlomo has established three "Houses of Love and Prayer": one is San Francisco's Fillmore district, one in New York's West Side in an area where many Jewish students and young professionals live, and one in Jerusalem.

On May 9, Shlomo Carlebach brought his unique and sincerely humanistic soul to Toronto's Beth Tikvah, where he performed before an enthusiastic, hand-clapping audience a three-hour program of Chassidic songs; all of them originals. Unfortunately, due to his limited knowledge of music, he only knows four guitar chords. However, his rich, "kvetchy" voice, plus his ingenious sense of total communication to every mood and nuance of his audience, was able to sufficiently overcome this handicap.

Between songs, he performed "message" passages in traditional liturgical recitative style. Here, I would have liked to have seen a greater exposition of Chassidic folklore or some Kabbalistic parables, rather than the well-meaning but overstated pleas for love and peace and the holiness of Jerusalem. There was one recitative passage which offended me: a plea by Carlebach to ignore evil by means of passive submission to it, exemplifying religious Jews during the Holocaust who literally did go like sheep to the slaughter. Needless to say, this "turn-the-other-cheek" attitude not only goes against my own reflex instinct of "Never Again"; it completely negates the "raison d'etre" of the State of Israel.

Despite this, Carlebach, with his genuine fervor and "tachlis" sincerity, is indispensable. His successful efforts to bring Jews back to Neshamah was proven by the beautiful climax to the May 9 concert: when he was able to get the entire audience, parents and children alike, dancing throughout the large auditorium. The feeling was infectious; it was one of those rare, wonderful moments of humanistic religious revival.

For this alone, may I wish Shlomo Carlebach, and everything that he has been doing and will keep on doing, a long and fruitful L'chaim.

Anti-Semitism debated

Colleague attacks CJN drama critic

By JENIVA BERGER

Several years back when I was writing theatre criticism for the underground papers I'd occasionally run into the notion from fellow writers that it was obligatory to laud everything contra the 'establishment' world whether or not it was good or bad. Those of us who survived that immature premise were rewarded by seeing underground theatre improve.

A month ago when I read Rick Kardonne's article blazingly titled—**Some Theatre Critics Can Fairly Be Accused of Anti-Semitism**, I travelled back in time to those days of feverish radicalism. Kardonne's logic is reminiscent of that found in Maoist tracts and left wing journals which denounce the 'establishment' (I really dislike the term myself for its 'elitism' and 'snobishness' on the basis of fuzzily-outlined factors).

Now, Kardonne is a colleague. I think. And most of us have a respect for each other's opinions even when in violent disagreement. Yet, I wonder what kind of fierce monster watchdog prompted Kardonne to accuse a large number of Toronto theatre critics of being anti-Semitic because they gave harsh reviews to Jewish shows or shows in which Jews are portrayed. McKenzie Porter of **The Sun** is raked over the coals for his criticism of Shelley Berman's show **Two by Two**, with several examples cited where the critic disliked the "Jewish humor" and "speech." But let the reader beware: there is always an inherent danger of examples taken out of context. It would have been better if our critic of the critics would have given us meatier quotes on which to reflect; and much better, too, if he didn't finish that section by knocking Porter's "stilted British accent." Tsk.

Susan Cohen of **CHIN** (daughter of the late **Star** critic, Nathan) got her knuckles slapped for jumping on the bandwagon. So did **The Star** and **The Globe** which "echoed similar sentiments" -- I presume of an anti-Semitic nature. But did they really? Only Kardonne knows for sure. He casts back to Urjo Kareda's "particularly harsh" criticism of **The Rothchild's** and **To Live Another Summer**, Ronald Hambleton's review of **The Grand Music Hall of Israel** as being "less than grand" and **The Globe and Mail's** review of Nechama Lifschitz for being "too nationalistic," while all the time we "highbrows media" had the nerve to praise groups like Poland's Mazowse dance ensemble and other ethnic groups.

All right, outside of those nuggets of information which mean little in terms of the whole review, Kardonne then proceeded to hit Toronto critics with creating an "Aryan culture island" (the Polish Mazowse and other ethnic groups suddenly became Aryan) and climate "which idealizes old Europe and emphasizes a stylized academic classicism."

Where has Kardonne been hiding that he missed the favorable coverage of the two-week-long Multi-Cultural Theatre Festival at the Town Hall last year, and the emergence of the all Black Stirring Spoon Company. Even Shakespeare, the old academic, has shared the limelight at Stratford with Mzorek, Buenaventura and Arrabel--modern non-Aryans all. Ethnic theatre groups are forming all the time; witness the newly formed Michi Drama Group at the Japanese Cultural Centre and the Italian Edu-Art Services. Would an Aryan culture island foster such impertinence?

Jewish shows, like all other shows, must be criticized for their quality of production. Would we want it any other way? Would they? I doubt it. Patronization is worse than being panned, for it gives to the receiver a feeling of isolation within the worldwide theatrical community.

More important, articles such as Kardonne's with its absence of real evidence contribute more to anti - Semitism than those unsuspecting critics who simply dislike any particular Jewish show. The overuse of the word anti-Semitism plays inot the hands of those who deserve the title because of its misuse and over kill. Kardonne defeats his own purpose, if in fact his aim is to combat this inhumane prejudice.

First Bnei Akiva Yeshiva

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This is a scene from Cordes, a Brian Macdonald work presented this week in Toronto. Macdonald was choreographer of an Israeli company.

Quenching the temperamental fire

By JENIVA BERGER
TORONTO–

Take a tall, cool Scotsman from Westmount, add a temperamental, earthy band of Israeli dancers and the contrast is, well, noticeable.

But then Brian Macdonald, the Montreal-born choreographer whose newest ballet, **Cordes**, forms part of the triumvirate of works offered by Les Grandes Ballets Canadiens this week at O'Keefe Centre, is the first to agree that as former artistic director of the Israel Batsheva Dance Company, he probably stood out.

Ah, but not for long. That great leveller, the dance, which reduces all makes of terpsichoreans to sweat machines and bundles of aching muscles, made Macdonald part of the scenery in no time.

"I fell in love with Israel," he says. "Where else can you live in a city like Tel Aviv and only be an hour away from a city like Jerusalem?"

He arrived in 1971 to choreograph two new works for the ailing Batsheva, which was without artistic guidance at the time, and wound up staying for a year. "I had no intentions of doing anything like that at first," the one-time music critic for the defunct **Montreal Herald** admitted. "But I went back to my hotel room that night and thought, 'well, I could get them back on their feet.'"

He did. The iron discipline and years of intensive work involved with the Canadian National, Royal Winnipeg, and Robert Joffrey Ballet Companies and as artistic director of the Royal Swedish and Harkness Ballet served him well with a company he described as a "miracle" but the most temperamental he's ever worked with. Temperamental? An understatment. Macdonald shakes his head in amazement. "Talented and very musical, but absolutely savage towards one another! I would stand there and say terrible things to them. But they accepted it."

He's quick to qualify the savagery and slow-developing camaraderie of the 10-year-old company, the only one in the world which performs Martha Graham's works. "It's a tough land," he says, "with people who are tough physically and psychically. They've had to be to survive. You feel this as soon as you get off the plane. --this life force, and sense very much that you're in the middle of a phenomenon. And when for the first time you meet some of the people who've fought their way out of ghettos and built up a country from nothing, you think about your own background and problems which seem so insignificant in comparison."

Macdonald left Israel because his roots are in ballet (the Batsheva is a modern dance company) and in North America. He's busy these days setting up a new ballet company for the National Arts Centre. But it's with more than fondness he remembers a land where he never felt like a foreigner "because no one is" and where "the sense of family life is incredible."

Besides, who could resist a country where you have the biggest birthday party of your life? Brian Macdonald was born on May 14, Israel's Independence Day.

Death of conductor Kertesz at 42 shocks entire Israel music world

By MOSHE RON
CJN Israel Correspondent
JERUSALEM–

We must, unfortunately, start our review of culture and art in Israel with news of the tragic death of the world famous conductor, Istvan Kertesz, which has shocked music lovers throughout the world.

Kertesz was only 42 years-old and was a man who loved life. He also loved the sun and the blue sky of Israel. Whenever it was warm enought, he hurried to the beach at Herzliya, where the cruelty of fate put an end to his young life. Not being familiar with conditions at this particular spot, he swam a long way out and was overcome by big waves. By the time he realized what had happened, it must have been too late, as he could no longer return.

The soloists, who had come to Israel with Kertesz to perform with IPO, including the well know Japanese bass, Akomura, were waiting for him on the beach like helpless children. When they realized the calamity that had befallen their popular conductor, they ran to the hotel and shouted for help, but it was too late. Kertesz was already dead when he was drawn from the sea. His body was flown for burial to Cologne, where he is survived by his wife and three children.

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra concerts that had been planned with the participation of the soloists whom Kertesz had brought here, were turned into requiem concerts for the late conductor. Singers Lucia Popp and Ilse Gramasky had tears in their eyes when they sang Haydn's **Nelson Mass**.

Another tragic accident occurred to the famous Yiddish actor, Szymon Dzigan. When he made his final preparations for the first night of his performance in honor of the 25th years of the state of Israel, with the participation of artists from abroad, he suffered a heart attack and was taken to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv. This happened exactly four days before the premiere of the Yiddish contribution to the state's celebrations, **If One Lives To See, One Lives**. Everything had been ready the first night, but had to be called off at the last moment.

In the meantime, Dzigan has been released from hospital but will require a long rest and will take a long time until able to appear on stage again.

Clara Zverner, the well known pianist from Rio de Janeiro, has been engaged to appear in a series of concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, given in honor of the 25th anniversary. She is the daughter of Reuven Zverner of Sao Paulo and her brother, Dr. Yitzhak Zverner, is one of the best known Jewish officials in the city.

Szymon Dzigan

Clara studied music at the Geneva Conservatory. In 1957 she was awarded a gold medal for being the top pupil at the conservatory, by Professor Wilbrandt, one of the great music teachers in Europe. At the age of 16, she won an award in the International Wilhelm Backhaus Contest. She also studied at Mann College in New York.

As a child of 11 she appeared at a Bach concert given by the Bach Society of Sao Paulo. She has played with the Sao Paulo Radio Orchestra, under the baton of Armende Bellardi and was the soloist with the most popular symphony orchestras of Latin America and received very favorable reviews. Now, the mother of four children, she is continuing her musical career. Her husband, Randolf Adolf Zverner, is a businessman who is very active in Jewish society life.

Prime Minister Golda Meir has awarded a $3,000 prize on behalf of the Yiddish Culture Committee, to a new immigrant from the Soviet Union, writer Eli Schechtman. Schechtmen, who was persecuted by the Soviet regime for his wish to emigrate to Israel, will now have an opportunity of continuing his literary activities.

This week, the Itzik Manger Prize, given to worthy Yiddish writers, was distributed at a festive occasion at the Habimah Hall in Tel Aviv to four Yiddish writers --J. Bashevis Singer of New York, Mordechai Litvin of Paris, Prof. Yidl Mark and Mordechai Zanim of Israel. This prize was established after the death of Itzik Manger by two of his great admirers, Meir Weisgal and Shalom Rosenfeld. The Yiddish Writers' Association in Israel (Leivik House) has decided to distribute grants for the first time this year to certain Yiddish writers and journalists to encourage their literary work.

The Israeli Yiddish writer, Abraham Korpinovitz, has published his new book, **A Day of War**, which comprises eight stories about the Six Day War. He emphasizes the human side of the war and its consequences. He depicts the life of the invalids, settling down into normal lives, etc. He also deals with the moral hesitations of some Jewish soldiers when they had to fight the enemy. in defence of their country. The Israeli press has reviewed the book favorably.

Values concern soul-searching rabbi

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

ONE WORLD OR NO WORLD by Harry Joshua Stern; Bloch Publishing Co.

Harry Joshua Stern

In his 76th year and recently retired, Rabbi Harry J. Stern of Montreal is convinced that, if you "live long enough people change their ideas"--especially for the good.

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Serving as a rabbi in Montreal must pose special difficulties that call upon qualities of patience, diplomacy and awareness--all of which Dr. Stern possessed in ample measure. During the long period of his ministry he experienced "war, cold war, hot war, depression and the Nazi onslaught on civiliaztion."

One World or No World, the author's eighth book, presents a miscellany of sermons, eulogies, addresses and tributes that reflect the author's concern for Jewish values in a technological age. He is unswerving in his love for the state of Israel. He teaches faith in a universal God and the primacy of the teachings of the Jewish prophets with their emphasis on social justice and the hope for a better future.

To all of his utterances, Dr. Stern brings an authentic Jewish imprint -- drawing upon his deep knowledge of Bible, Talmud, Midrash and more modern sources.

In commenting on the importance of the Sabbath, he recalls the legend of the Sabbath Queen who felt lonely and reminded God that all things had been provided with a mate. The Creator acknowledged the justice of the complaint and decided that the Congregation of Israel should be wedded to the Sabbath.

In a memorable sermon entitled "Three Jewish Immortals" he outlined the lives and achievements of Sigmund Freud, Lewis Brandeis and Ahad Ha-am (Asher Ginsberg) on the coincidence of the centenary of their birth.

The eulogies to Leo Baeck, Lily H. Montagu, John F. Kennedy, Pope John XXIII, Nelson Glueck, and others less renowned, are unerring in their delineation of salient qualities and cardinal attributes.

Of necessity, some of the material is dated, repetitive and less striking than when first uttered; but enough remains that is fresh, edifying and instructive.

One small point: why does the author insist that his congregation "was truly the first Jewish Reform congregation on Canadian soil" when that distinction unquestionably belongs elsewhere?

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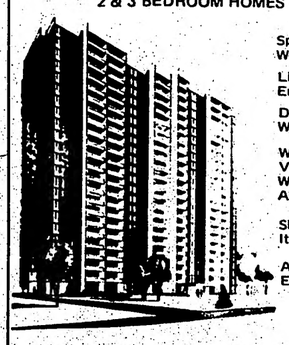

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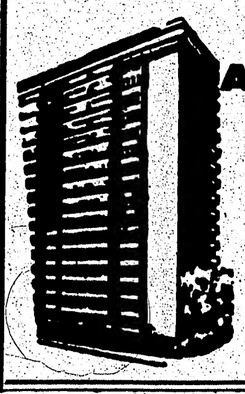

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WASHINGTON (JTA)– Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, making his maiden address in Washington, differed widely and sharply in their assessments of the origin of the Six Day War, the road to peace and other elements of the Arab-Israeli conflict. They addressed some 2,000 people at the Sheraton Park Hotel in the climax here of Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations.

Sisco, speaking first, said that the vision of both Arabs and Israelis "has often been clouded by myths of the past which persisted in obscuring the realities of the present," and referred to "lost opportunities" for a settlement. A "myth" that is now accepted as reality in much of the Arab world is that the Six Day War was the result of unprovoked Israeli aggression," the state department's foremost Middle East specialist said.

"On the Israeli side, there is the myth that the Six Day War was the result of a calculated Arab plan to launch a war of destruction against Israel," he added. "In my view," Sisco said in one of many passages that seemed to stress an even-handed perspective to the conflict, "the most plausible explanation is that the Six Day War resulted from improvised actions and reactions by each side."

In what some present interpreted as a polemical response, Dinitz declared, "we haven't had peace for the simple reason that one can declare war, but it takes two to make peace." Pointing to Israel's peace offers, he said, "there is only one way to start talking in terms of realities."

What is needed now, Dinitz stanted, "is not a new framework but a different frame of mind. Peace can never be achieved by surrendering to blackmail or placating frustrations but only by talking together."

The Arabs, he said, created a series of images, alibis and excuses why not to make peace. After each of the three previous wars, when new opportunities for peace arrived, the Arabs converted them "from a platform for peace into a jumping board from which to launch a new war."

Nevertheless, Dinitz said, "our minds are open for peace, our hands are extended and our ears attuned to every sound from across the border. If it is a sound of peace, we will gladly reciprocate but if it is a sound of war, we will know how to meet it as well." Dinitz concluded that Israel is proud of "its great partnership with the United States, its government and the majority of its people."

Some observers saw in Sisco's remarks an intent to demonstrate American "even - handedness" in the Middle East and thereby induce the Arabs to move toward some sort of negotiations for a settlement. A high state department official told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Sisco wrote the speech himself and that the White House was aware of its content.

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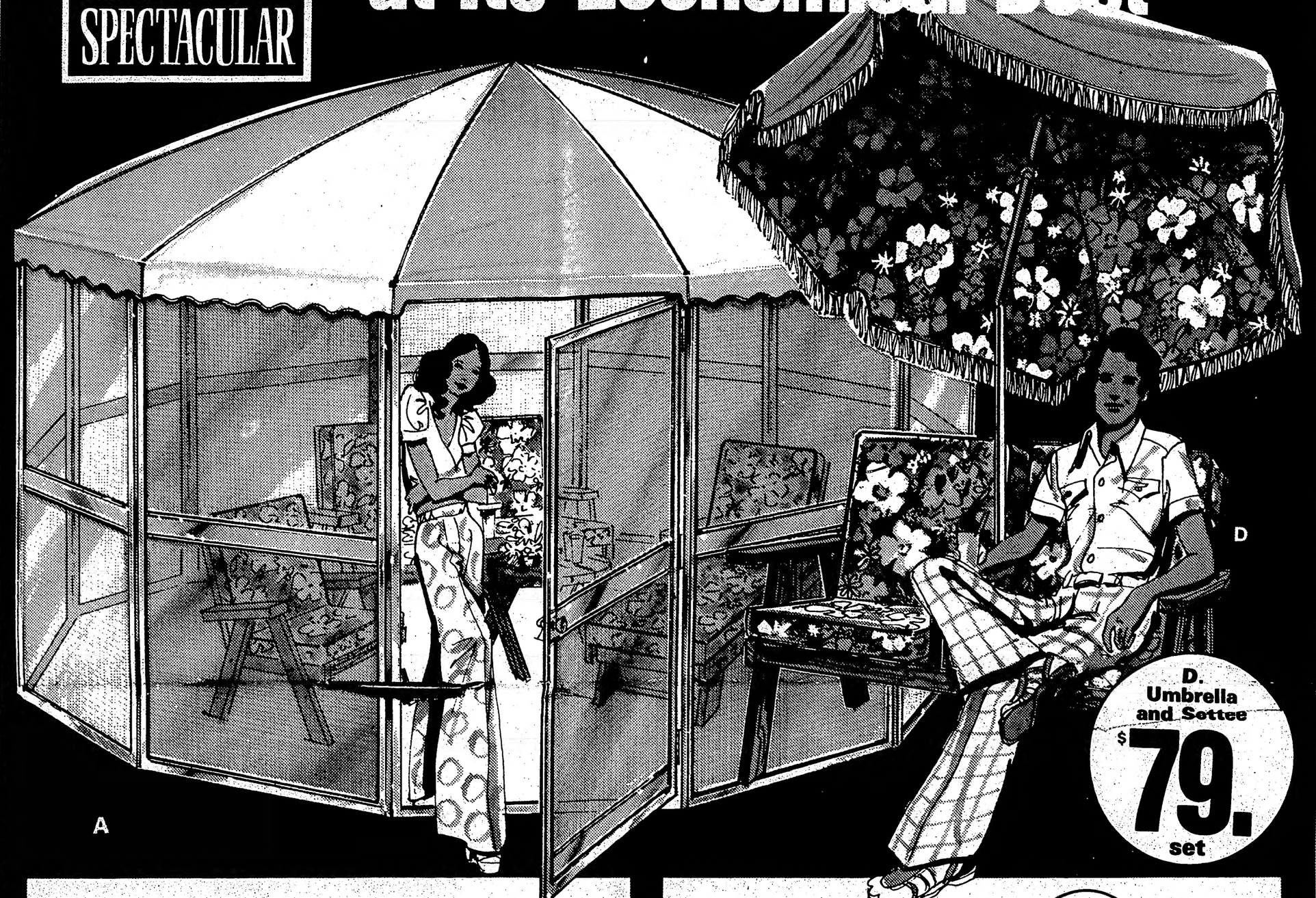

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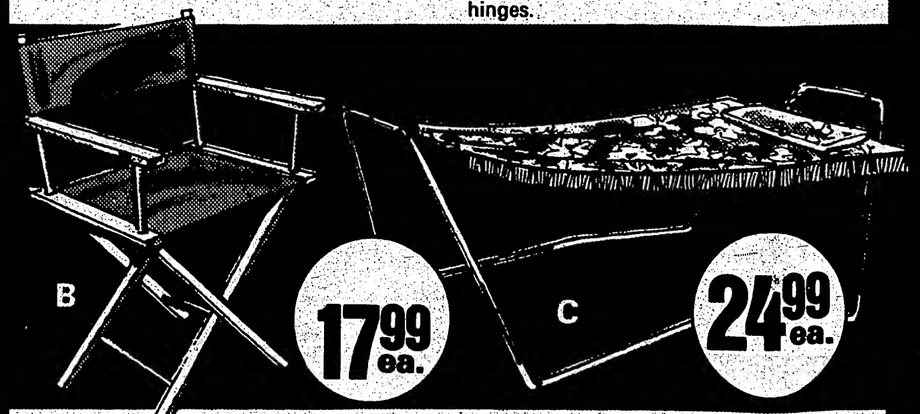

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